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"This isn't intended to just generate money for the state of Connecticut. This is really meant to address what we see on Connecticut highways right now." — Rep. Roland Lemar, co-chairman of the legislature's transportation committee

Work zones to get speed cameras

After deadly year on state highways, drivers will face fines as high as \$200

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — With speeds increasing sharply on Connecticut highways,

state officials will be installing special cameras in work zones next year to improve safety and catch speeders. Depending on the infraction, some tickets could be as

high as \$200 each. Drivers can appeal the fines in court in the same way as any other speeding ticket. The portable speed detection devices can be moved from site to site and do not require extensive construction such as laying fiber optic cable. In similar fashion,

portable radar units on wheels that flash the speed at the approaching driver have been used for years. The highway technology is similar, and drivers will see their speed flashing as they head through the work zone. The camera will then take a picture of the license

plate, and the state will mail a ticket to the home of the plate's owner. While final statistics are not yet available with more than three weeks left in the year, officials say there have already been too many deaths on state highways, due largely to increased

speeds. "This is going to be the deadliest year in history on Connecticut highways. It would be remarkable if it wasn't, given where we were at the end of November," said Rep. Roland

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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT



A person takes a COVID-19 test in Times Square on Friday in New York. The omicron variant of COVID-19, which had been undetected in the U.S. before the middle of last week, had been discovered in at least 19 states by the end of Tuesday, showing yet again how mutations of the virus can circumnavigate the globe with speed and ease. **YUKI IWAMURA/AP**

Positivity rates begin to mirror last winter

State's 2nd case of omicron variant reported in Fairfield County

By Eliza Fawcett
Hartford Courant

Connecticut's daily COVID-19 test positivity rate spiked to 8.3% on Tuesday as a December coronavirus surge continued to grow. "That's a big increase from where we were just a month ago," Gov. Ned Lamont said on the Connecticut Public Radio show "Where We Live." On Monday, Connecticut reported a daily test positivity rate of 5.8%;

Tuesday's rate of 8.3% was the highest that metric has been in almost a year. The state's weekly COVID-19 test positivity rate now stands at 6.13%, reaching its highest point since Jan. 17. Connecticut's daily test positivity rate tends to be higher on Tuesdays than on other days, which state officials say may be due to testing patterns over the weekend. Officials also caution that the state's test positivity rate may currently be somewhat

elevated since people who test positive using at-home tests are encouraged to seek confirmation through a PCR test, whereas people who test negative are not. Even so, Connecticut's overall COVID-19 metrics have spiked significantly in recent weeks. Not only has the state's weekly positivity rate increased, but also the number of patients hospitalized with COVID-19 has risen sharply. "It is ramping up," Lamont said of the pandemic. "We have over

500 folks in the hospitals now, so that's triple where we were a few weeks ago, one quarter of where we were a year and a half ago, but it still is reason to be cautious." Despite the rising metrics, Lamont declined to back a universal indoor mask mandate or any additional restrictions. "For every mandate, there's enormous push-back as well, and you create some issues," he said.

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Biden warns Putin about threats to Ukraine



President Joe Biden, right, took part in a two-hour video conference Tuesday with Russian President Vladimir Putin. **WHITE HOUSE**

By Eli Stokols
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden warned Russian President Vladimir Putin during a video conference Tuesday that invading Ukraine would result in stiff economic sanctions from the U.S. and several European allies. The virtual meeting, the second time the two leaders have held direct talks since their June summit in Geneva, arose after Putin mobilized some 100,000 Russian forces on the coun-

try's border with Ukraine, sparking new fears about an invasion. "President Biden voiced the deep concerns of the United States and our European Allies about Russia's escalation of forces surrounding Ukraine and made clear that the U.S. and our Allies would respond with strong economic and other measures in the event of military escalation," according to a read-out of the call released by

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Hartford panel backs plan for basic income

Pilot study to address 'generational poverty' would begin with 25 families

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Hartford is taking its first steps toward embracing a universal basic income intended to alleviate poverty and replace need-based social programs. The program would begin with a pilot group of 25 families in the city. While a basic income level is still to be determined, a city hall task force will deliver in coming days recommendations to develop a universal basic income pilot program for working mothers and fathers who are single. The plan has been developed over eight months in task force meetings and with working groups. David Grant, execu-

tive assistant and legislative liaison at the office of the Court of Common Council, said a guaranteed income would address financial support for people who risk losing assistance if they take a job or a promotion. "People will turn down jobs and promotions as not as profitable for them," he said. "It creates generational poverty and dependence on social programs." With universal basic income, people can improve their lives without losing benefits, Grant said. Universal basic income is a type of cash transfer program intended to raise the minimum income for a household, reduce income

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UConn star Bueckers will miss 6-8 weeks

By Alexa Philippou
Hartford Courant

UConn announced Tuesday that women's basketball star Paige Bueckers will be out for an estimated 6-8 weeks after MRI and CT scans revealed she has a tibial plateau fracture. The reigning national player of the year suffered the non-contact injury to her left leg in the final minute of Sunday's 73-54 win over Notre Dame. Bueckers was walking the ball up the floor when she suffered the injury, falling in front of the Huskies' bench as a sold-out Gampel Pavilion crowd fell silent. Teammates Amari DeBerry and Evina Westbrook helped carry her off the court. "Obviously, we're all extremely disappointed for Paige and that she suffered this injury," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said in

a statement. "It would be really hard to describe how much basketball means to Paige and how much her teammates mean to her. Not being able to do the thing that she loves to do, to be there for her teammates, is really difficult for her. "We've had players get injured in the past and my philosophy here is: I'm not interested in how fast we can get someone back, I'm interested in what's best for them long term. Every decision made will prioritize what's best for Paige and her career. Everyone involved with this program will be there to support Paige through her healing process." Bueckers posted on Instagram Tuesday afternoon with the caption: "The real will always prevail... Gods plan #BeBackSoon."

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NOTE TO READERS

Dear Readers, Today's Courant has been reduced to a single section due to a major outage with Amazon Web Services on Tuesday that affected media across the country and disrupted our production and printing. We apologize for this inconvenience. The newspaper will be back at full strength on Thursday.

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Remains of soldier killed in Korean War identified

The remains of Cpl. Benjamin R. Bazzell, a soldier from Connecticut who was killed on a frozen battlefield 71 years ago, have been identified, officials said Tuesday. **News, Page 3**

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Bueckers

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Bueckers leads UConn in scoring (21.2 points per game), minutes (36.3), assists (6.2) and steals (2.7), and is second in rebounding (5.5). According to the Reno Orthopedic Center, a tibial plateau fracture is “a break of the larger lower leg bone below the knee that breaks into the knee joint itself.” Though Auriemma said at the time of her injury that UConn doctors believed a hyperextension was the best-case scenario, there was a fear among onlookers that it could be a ligament tear that would be season-ending.

With a recovery time of 6-8 weeks, Bueckers could target a return in mid-to late-January. UConn has two high-profile games in that span: Jan. 17 versus Oregon in Eugene and a rematch against South Carolina in Columbia on Jan. 27.

UConn is back in action Thursday at Georgia Tech before taking on UCLA on Saturday in the Never Forget Tribute Classic and No. 7 Louisville on Dec. 19 in the Basketball Hall of

Fame Women’s Showcase at Mohegan Sun Arena.

Bueckers is the third UConn player out with an injury.

Freshman Azzi Fudd is sidelined with what Auriemma described as the beginning of a stress reaction in her foot and is supposed to get re-evaluated next week. Junior Aubrey Griffin is also dealing with back issues, as well as a high-ankle sprain and leg problem that have delayed her season debut.

Auriemma said Sunday that part of the reason Bueckers was still in the game with the Huskies up 18 with less than a minute remaining was because, “I don’t like our team without her on the court. I mean, I might have to like it if she misses any time.”

He’ll have to face that reality now while Bueckers recovers. Without her, senior guards Evina Westbrook and Christyn Williams will have to step up with greater consistency on the offensive end. Freshman Caroline Ducharme and sophomore Nika Mühl may also see extended minutes in the backcourt, and Fudd may take on a larger role upon her return.

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the White House after the conference.

During their two-hour meeting, Biden reiterated his support for Ukraine’s sovereignty and called for de-escalation and a return to diplomacy. “The two presidents tasked their teams to follow up, and the U.S. will do so in close coordination with allies and partners,” the statement said.

The two world leaders also discussed U.S. and Russian long-term work on arms control, ransomware, and joint efforts on regional issues like Iran.

Putin has sought assurances that NATO won’t make Ukraine a member of the longstanding alliance, which has 30 current member countries, including the U.S. Membership would essentially guarantee the former Soviet republic’s military defense.

“President Biden was direct and straightforward with President Putin as he always is,” said Jake Sullivan, Biden’s national security adviser, following the meeting. “There was no finger-wagging but the president was crystal clear about where the administration stands.”

“We still do not believe that President Putin has made a decision,” about whether or not to launch an invasion, Sullivan added.

While Biden has rejected any of Putin’s “red lines” and expressed support for Ukraine’s territorial sovereignty, he has shown little interest in fully backing its potential NATO membership. The president, even as he has sought to strengthen democratic alliances, has appeared wary of the U.S. taking on additional global defense responsibilities as he focuses on shoring up the American economy and reorienting alliances around the containment of China.

But he is hoping to dissuade Putin from escalating the simmering military conflict along the Russia-Ukraine border.

“This is one of the last, best chances to affect Kremlin thinking,” said Steven Pifer, a former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine who is now the William Perry Fellow at Stanford University. Putin’s response in the

coming weeks and months, he continued, will make clear whether Biden made any inroads.

“The big questions to be answered are: Do we see the Russian military deployments changing?” Pifer said. “And how does the Kremlin portray the call, and do the Russians tone down the really over-the-top rhetoric they’ve been issuing about Ukraine in recent days?”

Ahead of the discussion with Putin, Biden conferred with top European allies Monday evening about the far-reaching economic sanctions any invasion would trigger.

“The leaders underscored their support for Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity,” the White House said in a statement summarizing the call. “They agreed that their teams will stay in close touch, including in consultation with NATO allies and EU partners, on a coordinated and comprehensive approach.”

To that end, Biden planned to debrief with the top four European leaders on another call Tuesday evening to update allies on the nature of his talks with Putin, the White House said.

Ukraine won independence after the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991. It has since sought to strengthen ties with Europe. After the ouster of Russian-friendly Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich, Putin seized the Black Sea peninsula of Crimea in 2014, and tensions have remained high.

Sullivan suggested the economic sanctions could be more far-reaching than those imposed after Russia’s 2014 annexation of Crimea, although he declined to go into specifics publicly. “Things we did not do in 2014 we are prepared to do now,” he said.

President Donald Trump softened America’s posture toward Putin, who U.S. intelligence officials say conducted a misinformation campaign to help Trump in the 2016 election. In 2019, Trump pressured Ukraine’s President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to announce a corruption investigation of Biden’s son Hunter’s business dealings in Kyiv in a failed attempt to smear the eventual Democratic nominee. That effort led to Trump’s first impeachment by the House in 2019.

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volatility and improve the distribution of antipov-erty money. Ideas for cash assistance to replace a web of government funding goes back to the 1970s.

“This is not new,” Grant said.

Except for the Hartford proposal that calls for surveying and interviewing participants regularly about their finances and emotional and physical well-being, “we’re not being innovative,” he said.

The city’s goal is to distribute money to 25 families who would be a “treatment group” that would give officials the opportunity to demonstrate that Hartford can establish the program and track participants. It also would provide informa-

tion about how recipients use the money and “help demystify the lived experiences of Hartford families who may be struggling with economic insecurity,” the task force said.

The program will be taking place during the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that will likely last years and will be very difficult without a comparison group to distinguish between the effect of universal basic income and the effect of the recovery from the pandemic.

The task force recommends seeking money to develop a randomized control trial study to compare 25 families receiving universal basic income money with 25 families receiving compensation for responding to requests for information and samples and another 25 families measuring

administrative data.

It also recommends measuring financial well-being; emotional and physical well-being; caregiver, child and family measures; and biological measures of stress.

Efforts are being organized nationally to develop guaranteed income programs.

A report in May by the New School Institute on Race and Political Economy advocated that the federal government use the tax code to guarantee income and promote economic security. It called for a “substantial overhaul and extension” of the Earned Income Tax Credit and eliminating wage requirements.

A group, Mayors for a Guaranteed Income, cite income and wealth disparity, particularly since the start of the pandemic,

and disparate impacts on communities of color. The task force recommended that Hartford join the group to help with program design, funding, expertise and other resources.

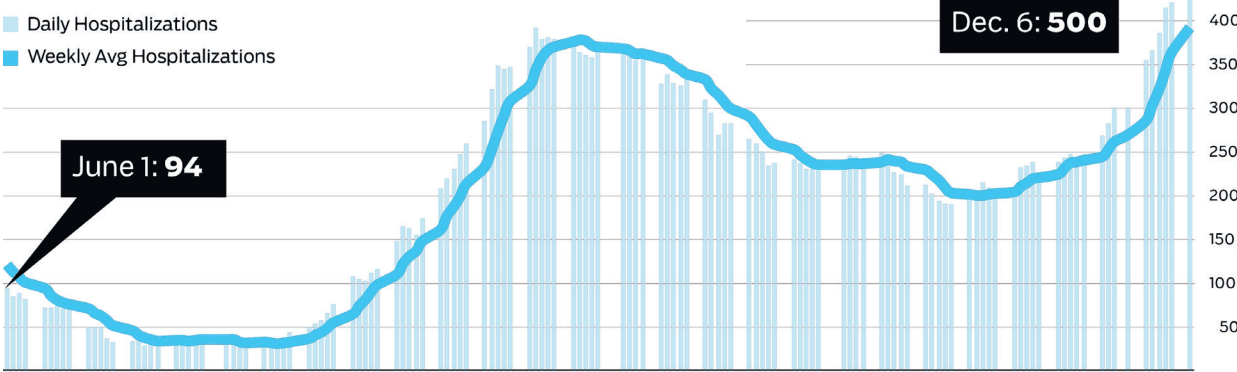
Ken Girardin, research director at the Yankee Institute, a free market think tank and advocacy group, said the “fundamentals behind” a universal basic income are interesting, “but it has a ton of practical issues around it.”

For example, he said it’s not yet known if guaranteed income will replace or supplement government assistance, how recipients quality “and ultimately how you finance it.”

The task force listed several sources of potential funding, including the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving and several foundations.

Daily Coronavirus Hospitalizations

Hospitalizations from June 1, 2021 to December 6, 2021.



SOURCE: CT Department of Public Health

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“And I do believe that fear is a great incentive, so we have more people getting boosted today than we did two weeks ago. They’re doing the right thing.”

Cases and positivity rate

Connecticut on Tuesday reported 1,919 new COVID-19 cases out of 23,047 tests administered, for a daily test positivity rate of 8.3%. The state’s weekly positivity rate now stands at 6.13%, the highest it has been since mid-January.

All eight Connecticut counties — as well as the rest of those in the North-

east region — are currently recording “high” levels of COVID-19 transmission as defined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. With this level of transmission, the CDC advises people to wear a mask in public indoor settings.

Meanwhile, the state also reported its second case of the omicron variant. Sequencing on the case was performed by the Yale School of Public Health.

The case involves a fully vaccinated man in his 20s from Fairfield County who developed mild symptoms on Dec. 2.

On Dec. 4, he tested positive on an at-home rapid antigen test and a molecular test.

He did not report any links to the NYC Anime 2021 Convention, but had traveled to New York City

in the week before his symptoms started.

Hospitalizations

As of Tuesday, 525 patients in Connecticut were hospitalized with COVID-19, an increase of 25 people since Monday. The last time that hospitalizations were that high was in mid-April.

Hospital officials say the vast majority of those hospitalized with serious COVID-19 symptoms are unvaccinated.

Deaths

Connecticut reports COVID-19 deaths once a week, on Thursdays. Last Thursday, the state reported 44 additional COVID-19 deaths over the past eight days, bringing its total during the pandemic

to 8,909.

The United States has now recorded 790,014 deaths related to COVID-19, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

Vaccinations

As of Monday, 85% of all Connecticut residents and 95.2% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 72.8% of all residents and 82.8% of those 12 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Additionally, 29.2% of fully vaccinated Connecticut residents 18 or older have received a booster dose.

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Lemar, co-chairman of the legislature’s transportation committee. “Average travel speeds are extraordinary — starting during the pandemic and continuing since then. We have not seen the level of police activity on our highways. They’re just not pulling over anywhere near as many people as they used to.”

Rather than collecting money, Lemar said the main goal is protecting workers as they cut the grass on the center median, move tree limbs that have fallen or perform other tasks as drivers zoom by at high rates of speed.

“This isn’t a cash cow program,” said Lemar, a New Haven Democrat. “This isn’t intended to just generate money for the state of Connecticut. This is really meant to address what we see on Connecticut highways right now.”

But Andrew Matthews, a retired trooper who now serves as executive

director of the state police union, said the primary purpose of the move is simply to raise money for the state.

“It’s a revenue generator,” Matthews said Tuesday in an interview. “That’s all it is — 100%.”

Matthews said troopers strongly opposed the proposal during the legislative session, but it was placed months later into a 790-page budget implementation bill that often escapes close legislative scrutiny due to the sheer size of the document and the short time frame for reading the legislation.

“I don’t think the public will tolerate speed cameras,” said Matthews, an attorney. “There will be a constitutional claim on it. There will be a question whether it’s constitutional or not.”

For years, state lawmakers have rejected the concept of “red light” cameras that have been installed on Long Island and other places where drivers receive a ticket for running a red light. The highway cameras are

slightly different because they do not involve traffic intersections.

Some lawmakers and advocates have objected to the concept of “Big Brother” as government is watching the movements of citizens.

“There’s always been opposition to the use of automated technology, and we appreciate that,” Lemar said. “Our goal was to prove the efficacy of the program, and that’s why we’re starting with limited locations in highway work zones.”

The program will start next year under a pilot that was approved by the legislature and will be administered by the state transportation department.

Modeled after programs in Maryland and Pennsylvania, the Connecticut plan is designed to sharply reduce speeds in the work zones.

“I’m not sure why, but the state police are not as active at pulling people over and enforcing speed limits on our highways,” Lemar said. “The numbers

are way down — way down.”

Matthews responded that the biggest factor is the sharp drop in troopers compared to more than a decade ago.

Gov. Ned Lamont has announced that the number of state troopers is expected to increase as 66 rookie troopers are currently being trained in the police academy before they can be placed out on the roads.

“In our opinion, it’s another attack on law enforcement,” Matthews said. “They want less interaction between law enforcement and the public, and this is the way they do it. They just put cameras in place of us.”

The number of troopers dropped at one point last year to 857, down from about 1,300 during the tenure of Republican Gov. M. Jodi Rell.

For years, the troopers had a minimum of 1,248 under state law, but that law was stripped out in a budget implementation bill during the tenure of Gov. Dannel P. Malloy.

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MONDAY’S LATE NUMBERS

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PLAY4 NIGHT

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CASH 5

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Two students arrested after lockdowns

Threats of violence, believed to be social media trend, prompted Eli Whitney to close for 2 days

By **Seamus McAvoy**
Hartford Courant

Police arrested two students at Eli Whitney Technical High School Tuesday following threats of violence posted on social media that resulted in officials locking down the school two days in a row.

The arrests follow several threats at area schools in recent days, including at Hamden Middle School and Booker T. Washington Academy on Tuesday. Hamden High School closed Friday following a threat Thursday night and is expected to reopen Wednesday.

Both Eli Whitney incidents are believed to be hoaxes related to a social media trend in which

students are encouraged to anonymously make threatening posts on social media to get dismissed from school, state police said Tuesday.

“This is something that we are taking very seriously. This is nothing that should be joked around about,” said Sgt. Dawn Pagan at a press conference at Eli Whitney Tuesday.

The student allegedly responsible for Monday’s threat, a 14-year-old male, was charged with first-degree threatening, second-degree breach of peace and third-degree intimidation based on bigotry or bias.

The student allegedly responsible for Tuesday’s incident, also a 14-year-old male, was charged with first-degree threatening and second-degree breach of peace.

Both students are scheduled to appear Wednesday in juvenile court in New Haven.

Both students also face 10 days of out-of-school suspension, the maximum possible, with the possibility of expulsion, according to Ellen Solek, superintendent of the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System.

“We need parents and students to stay vigilant, to do what they’ve been doing so far, which is to let us know if they hear or see anything that is suspect,” Solek said.

Pagan encouraged parents to monitor social media accounts used by students to stay aware regarding potential future incidents.

“We’re very grateful for the support of parents here in Hamden, who have tolerated a lot over the last couple of days,” Solek said. “We want to reassure that our buildings

are safe and secure.”

Police do not believe the threats to be directly connected, in the sense of groups of students working together in a coordinated manner, to other threats made in the area and across the state and country.

Brian Foley, assistant commissioner of the state Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, said he believes the threats are “copycat incidents” potentially following the mass shooting at a public high school in Oxford, Michigan, in which four students were killed.

“Whenever there’s a school shooting in the country that receives a lot of attention, you can absolutely expect these threats to occur in the days and weeks after,” Foley said.

Foley said more arrests are expected in other incidents around the state, but not at Eli Whitney

barring more information.

Eli Whitney will have an increased police presence in the upcoming days, Solek said. There is currently one school resource officer at the high school, and the technical school system employs more than 10 in total.

Hamden High took the rare step of purchasing freestanding metal detectors, Superintendent Jody Ian Goeler announced Monday night, in an attempt to bolster school safety. On Tuesday, Solek indicated that decisions regarding metal detectors and other safety measures are made on a school-by-school basis with community input.

“To date, we’ve not explored anything in addition to what we already have in place,” Solek said.

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ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR 80 YEARS LATER



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PAYING TRIBUTE

Major Gen. Francis J. Evon Jr., adjutant general of the Connecticut National Guard, from left, Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz and Gov. Ned Lamont take part in a wreath-laying ceremony Tuesday at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge in New Haven to mark the 80th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Eighteen service members from Connecticut were killed in the Japanese attack on Dec. 7, 1941.

Lamont lauds restaurants’ resilience

‘You’re staying open,’ gov. assures coalition at CRAzies Awards

By **Susan Dunne**
Hartford Courant

On a night that honored the triumphs of Connecticut’s restaurants during a year of mounting difficulties, Gov. Ned Lamont joined 1,100 members of the statewide hospitality industry and cheered their resilience and significance.

The 2021 CRAzies Awards, given annually by the Connecticut Restaurant Association — based on votes by industry members, media and the general public — recognize the state’s most outstanding restaurants and restaurant employees.

Lamont, in giving the ceremony’s opening remarks, said it was the largest post-pandemic crowd so far at Foxwoods.

He cited the pandemic, saying that when restaurants closed, “the silence was deafening. ... You realized how much restaurants mean for a community.”



Pumpkin cheesecake is served at Millwright’s in Simsbury, which won Restaurant of the Year at the 2021 CRAzies Awards. COURANT FILE PHOTO

Lamont reassured the Connecticut Restaurant Industry that this December’s surge, much like the last one, will not close their doors.

“You’re staying open,” Lamont said. “We’re keeping this open. We’re getting through this together. And I’m looking forward to going to each and every one of your restaurants as soon as I can.”

Daniel Meiser, whose Mystic restaurant Oyster Club won a top prize for the third year in a row, called the night “therapeutic” for the assembled restaurateurs.

“The night was symbolic and celebratory, to have all those restaurant folks together after all we’ve been through in the last two years, to have a night

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A LOOK AT THE BEST RESTAURANTS IN CONNECTICUT

By **Susan Dunne**
Hartford Courant

Monday night, at a ceremony at Foxwoods Resort Casino, the Connecticut Restaurant Association handed out its annual CRAzies awards, honoring the top restaurants and culinary professionals in the state.

Six restaurants honored with the top awards are unique in their own way. What makes them special and beloved by the restaurant community and the general public, which voted on the awards?

Millwright’s in Simsbury: Millwright’s, at 77 West St. in Simsbury, won Restaurant of the Year. It was the second time the restaurant has won the top award. Millwright’s Kristin Eddy also won best pastry chef of the year.

Tyler Anderson, mastermind of Millwright’s, said respecting the

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Young soldier’s remains identified

Cpl. Benjamin Bazzell, of Seymour, was killed in Korean War at 18

By **Jesse Leavenworth**
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Remains of a U.S. Army soldier from Connecticut who was killed on a frozen battlefield 71 years ago have been identified, the Department of Defense announced Tuesday.

Cpl. Benjamin R. Bazzell, 18, of Seymour, was killed in action during the Korean War on Nov. 30, 1950, at the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir. His remains are to be buried at a date to be determined, according to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. Bazzell served with the 7th Infantry Division’s 57th Field Artillery Battalion, part of the ill-fated Task Force MacLean.

His remains could not be recovered after the battle, but in July 2018 after a summit between former President Donald Trump and North Korea leader Kim Jong-un, North Korea turned over 55 boxes purportedly containing remains of American service members killed during the war.



Bazzell

The remains were sent to a laboratory at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where scientists used DNA analysis, circumstantial evidence and anthropological analysis to positively identify Bazzell, officials said.

Bazzell’s name is recorded on the American Battle Monuments Commission’s Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, along with the others who are still missing from the Korean War. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for, U.S. officials said.

The Battle of the Chosin Reservoir was among the fiercest fights in U.S. history. In late November 1950, American and various United Nations forces had moved deep into North Korea, hoping to launch a final assault and end the war.

But hundreds of thousands of Chinese forces swept south in a surprise attack on U.S. Marine and Army units along both sides of the frozen Chosin Reservoir. Bazzell’s unit was part of Task Force MacLean on the eastern side, which suffered thousands of casualties during a hard-fought retreat in bitter cold.



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Attorney: Meadows changes mind

Ex-Trump official won't cooperate with Jan. 6 panel

By Eric Tucker and Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In an abrupt reversal, an attorney for former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows said his client will not cooperate with a House committee investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection, citing a breakdown in negotiations with the panel.

Attorney George Terwilliger said in a letter Tuesday that a deposition would be “untenable” because the Jan. 6 panel “has no intention of respecting boundaries” concerning questions that former President Donald Trump has claimed are off-limits because of executive privilege.

Terwilliger also said that he learned over the weekend that the committee had issued a subpoena to a third-party communications provider that he said would include “intensely personal” information.

Terwilliger said in a statement last week that he was continuing to work with the committee and its staff on a potential accommodation that would not require Meadows to waive the executive privileges claimed by Trump or “forfeit the long-standing position that senior White House aides cannot be compelled to testify” before Congress.

“We appreciate the Select Committee’s openness to receiving voluntary responses on non-privileged topics,” he said then. A spokesperson for the panel did not have immediate comment on Terwilliger’s letter.



Then-President Donald Trump, center, trailed by his chief of staff Mark Meadows in 2020. DOUG MILLS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

The committee’s chairman, Mississippi Rep. Bennie Thompson, said last week that Meadows had been engaging with the panel through his attorney, producing records and agreeing to appear for an initial deposition.

Thompson said the committee would “continue to assess his degree of compliance with our subpoena after the deposition.”

He has said that any witnesses who don’t comply will be held in contempt of Congress.

In halting cooperation, Terwilliger also cited comments from Thompson that he said unfairly cast

aspersions on witnesses who invoke their Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination. A separate witness, former Justice Department official Jeffrey Clark, has said he will invoke those Fifth Amendment rights.

“As a result of careful and deliberate consideration of these factors, we now must decline the opportunity to appear voluntarily for a deposition,” Terwilliger wrote in the letter.

The reversal comes as Meadows has been receiving attention for a new book, released Tuesday, which revealed that Trump received a positive COVID-19 test before a presidential

debate and was far sicker than the White House revealed at the time.

Trump — who told his supporters to “fight like hell” before hundreds of his supporters broke into the Capitol and stopped the presidential electoral count — has attempted to hinder much of the committee’s work, including in an ongoing court case, by arguing that Congress cannot obtain information about his private White House conversations.

But according to a person who is familiar with the matter, the panel is receiving cooperation from another key aide in the Trump White House: the

former chief of staff to Vice President Mike Pence.

Marc Short was at the Capitol on Jan. 6 and accompanied Pence as he fled his post presiding over the Senate and hid from rioters who were calling for his hanging.

Short is cooperating with the panel after receiving a subpoena, according to the person, who was granted anonymity to discuss the private interactions.

Trump was openly criticizing his vice president even as the insurrectionists broke into the building because Pence had said he would not try to unilaterally reject the electoral count as Congress certified Presi-

dent Joe Biden’s victory.

Pence didn’t have the legal power to do so, but Trump pressured him anyway.

As Pence’s top aide, Short was also present for several White House meetings ahead of the insurrection. At one point, Trump banned Short from the White House grounds because he objected to the pressure on Pence to reject the legitimate election results.

CNN first reported Short’s cooperation and subpoena.

Some people close to Pence were furious about the way that Trump tried to scapegoat the former vice president on Jan. 6 and became even more incensed after Pence, his closest aides and his family were put in physical danger by the rioters.

Alyssa Farah, who served as Pence’s press secretary before taking on other roles and left her job at the White House before Jan. 6, voluntarily met with Republicans on the House select committee and provided information.

In a series of tweets as the insurrection unfolded, Farah urged Trump to condemn the riots as they were happening and call on his supporters to stand down. “Condemn this now, @realDonaldTrump,” she tweeted. “You are the only one they will listen to. For our country!”

The panel in November subpoenaed Keith Kellogg, who was Pence’s national security adviser, writing in the subpoena that he was with Trump as the attack unfolded and may “have direct information about the former president’s statements about, and reactions to, the Capitol insurrection.”

Ex-aide: Trump in danger during COVID-19 bout

Meadows’ new book describes how sick Trump really was

By Maggie Haberman and Noah Weiland
The New York Times

President Donald Trump’s blood oxygen level sank to a precariously low level after he announced that he had tested positive for the coronavirus last year, according to a new book by Mark Meadows, his former chief of staff.

The new details contradict Trump’s denials this year that his COVID bout was more dire than White House medical officials had acknowledged at the time.

Meadows’ book, titled “The Chief’s Chief,” went on sale Tuesday. He describes his tenure in the White House, alternately promoting Trump’s false claims that the 2020 election was stolen from him and attacking the news media. Meadows also revealed previously undisclosed details about the former president’s medical condition in October 2020.

Trump, who has long been fearful of appearing weak, has tried to camouflage those details. The White House staff and members of his medical team aided

that effort, publicly downplaying how sick he was at the time. The former president denied a detailed New York Times report this year that he was more ill than his aides had revealed, with depressed oxygen levels and lung infiltrates, which occur when they are inflamed and filled with fluid or bacteria.

Meadows recounts in extraordinary detail how severe Trump’s illness was.

On Oct. 2, 2020, hours after the president announced on Twitter that he had tested positive for the virus, he recorded a blood oxygen level of about 86%, Meadows wrote. That is roughly 10 points below what would be considered normal. Most healthy people have a blood oxygen level of about 95% to 98%, although some people may have lower normal readings.

Trump’s health had deteriorated so much that day that members of his medical team feared they would not be able to treat him adequately without immediate attention from hospital staff, Meadows wrote.

“That morning, Dr. Conley pulled me aside and delivered some bad news,” Meadows wrote, referring to Dr. Sean Conley, the head of Trump’s White House medical team. “Although

the president’s condition had improved slightly overnight, his oxygen levels had now dipped down to about 86% and could be trending lower, a dangerously low level for someone his age.”

Meadows wrote that Trump’s doctors “had decided to put the president on oxygen in the residence and hope for the best.”

When it was clear he would need outside care, Trump’s medical team made the case to Meadows to intervene.

“I worried that the notion of him going to the hospital, in his mind, would seem like an act of capitulation,” Meadows wrote. “I was right.”

He described walking into Trump’s private residence to see him in a T-shirt, sitting up in bed. “It was the first time I had seen him in anything other than a golf shirt or a suit jacket,” Meadows wrote. The president, he said, was making phone calls and trying to work.

“If it hadn’t been for the oxygen tank by his side, I might have forgotten he was sick at all,” Meadows wrote. But his attention snapped back to Trump’s appearance: “I remembered what Dr. Conley had said. We were in trouble, and the president needed to get to the hospi-



Eight days after announcing on Twitter that he tested positive for the virus, President Trump removes his face mask to speak from a White House balcony. ALEX BRANDON/AP 2020

tal.”

Trump had red streaks in his eyes, Meadows recounted, and “his hair was a mess from the hours he’d spent getting Regeneron in bed,” referring to an antibody infusion the president had received.

The president was initially resistant to leaving the White House and told Meadows that he was going to be fine. Meadows intensified his pleas. “It’s better that you walk out of here today under your own strength, your own power, than for me to have to carry

you out on a gurney in two days,” he recounted.

Trump relented. On the walk out to his helicopter, he had lost so much strength that he dropped a briefcase he had planned to carry outside, where reporters were lined up to observe him, Meadows recalled.

Trump’s condition after he was hospitalized was still grave. After he was moved to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, in Bethesda, Maryland, Meadows asked for an update from one of the president’s doctors about his condition.

“The Regeneron treatment we’d given him was working, they said, but his oxygen levels were still dangerously low,” Meadows wrote. “Judging by the details he gave me, it was clear that the staff at Walter Reed was prepared for a long stay — weeks, maybe longer.”

At one point during the president’s stay, Meadows tried to surreptitiously tell reporters that the situation was more dire and was caught on camera. Trump erupted in anger, according to people who spoke with him.



Pearl Harbor survivor Richard Higgins, 100, of Bend, Oregon, attends a ceremony Tuesday in Hawaii. MARCO GARCIA/AP

Military ends Pearl Harbor project to ID dead

By Neil Vigdor
The New York Times

As the nation observed the 80th anniversary of the attack that drew the United States into World War II, the military said this week that a six-year project to identify those killed on the Oklahoma had matched human remains from the ship with the names of 355 sailors and Marines.

Thirty-three of the ship’s crew members could not be identified by comparing

remains with DNA samples from relatives or dental records as part of the project, which began in 2015 and which officials said had ended.

Those remains were reinterred Tuesday at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii, according to the Pentagon. In total, 429 crew members from the Oklahoma died after several torpedoes struck the ship. Nearly three times as many service members died aboard the

USS Arizona, which had the heaviest losses seen in the Dec. 7, 1941, attack.

Civilian researchers and military commanders discussed the project’s findings during a news conference Monday at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Hawaii. They said 13,000 bones had been analyzed and inventoried after the military received approval to disinter them in 2015.

“It’s our responsibility as a nation to bring these sailors and Marines home to

their families,” Capt. Robert McMahon, head of the Navy’s casualty office, said.

The unprovoked attack on Pearl Harbor killed more than 2,400 Americans and struck a blow to the Navy’s Pacific fleet, which had been based at Pearl Harbor. It hastened the United States’ entry into World War II, with President Franklin D. Roosevelt calling Dec. 7 a date that “will live in infamy.”

The next day, Congress declared war against Japan.

WORLD & NATION

‘Cocaine tsunami’ threatens Europe

Customs officers in Antwerp may catch 100 tons in 2021

By Elian Peltier
The New York Times

ANTWERP, Belgium — As a teenager in the 1980s, Norbert Somers would roam the port here, where his father worked as a customs officer. Biking through the docks and gazing at the ships undisturbed was a favorite pastime.

Since then, the port has grown into a sprawling high-security complex over about 47 square miles, with trucks and cranes handling millions of containers a year. And given the port’s size, Somers, now the head of the Belgian customs’ drug unit here, has grown alarmed about one concern: The port is now at the center of a huge intercontinental drug-smuggling operation.

“A cocaine tsunami is exploding and expanding in Antwerp and all over Europe,” Somers said in an interview near the first docks built in the city, in the 19th century.

Europe is in the grip of a growing cocaine problem, officials say: Seized quantities are skyrocketing in big ports such as Antwerp, drug-related violence and corruption are on the rise in countries such as Belgium and the Netherlands, and cocaine consumption and deaths have increased on the continent.

Belgian law enforcement authorities say they are overwhelmed as more criminal groups have participated in the drug trade, with violence surging in tandem with ever-growing quantities of cocaine.

Customs officers in Antwerp are on track to intercept 100 tons of cocaine this year — up from 66 tons in 2020 — an amount equal to about twice the volume seized in the whole of the European Union 10 years ago.



A customs officer scans containers at the port last month in Antwerp, Belgium. VIRGINIE NGUYEN/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Part of the surge in seizures is a result of the coronavirus pandemic, shipping experts said. In the early months of lockdowns, container shipping decreased, as did the number of customs and police officers at ports in Latin America, giving a freer hand to criminal groups and pushing them to ship increasingly large loads of cocaine.

But the pandemic only reinforced a trend that has been continuing for several years, according to law enforcement officials and researchers.

In Colombia, coca production has increased despite the peace deal signed by the government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC.

And Colombian drug cartels have turned to Europe as their primary destination market for cocaine, according to researchers and law enforcement officials.

Europe has also become a major transit point for shipping the drug east to Russia, and to Asian and Middle Eastern countries, according to the EU’s drug agency.

Public health experts and academics say cocaine is circulating largely unchecked in Europe and has become more available and accepted in social circles where it would once have been taboo, including among younger users.

“It matches trends in our societies,” said Tom Decorte, a professor of criminology at Ghent University. “It’s a stimulant that allows us to work harder, be more focused and cope with things,” he added, describing the views of many users in European cities.

Four million adults consume cocaine in the EU, and the use of both crack and powder cocaine have been on the rise, said Joao Matias, an analyst at the European Monitoring Center for Drugs and Drug

Addiction, the EU’s drug agency. So have cocaine-related hospitalizations and deaths.

But another source of concern has been the rampant penetration of drug money in the local administrations and economies of cities such as Antwerp.

Bart De Wever, the city’s right-wing mayor, said criminals involved in cocaine trafficking were increasingly laundering money in real estate, or using legitimate businesses as fronts.

“Before you know it, they own a part of your town,” De Wever said.

Antwerp is merely a logistical hub from which cocaine is dispatched throughout Europe through the Netherlands — the “staging point for cocaine trafficking on the continent,” according to Europol.

But the trade has led to a surge in violence in the Netherlands, including the killing in July of a prominent crime reporter on a street in

Amsterdam. And Antwerp has been rocked by shootings and grenade explosions linked to drug gangs.

Europol and the United Nations said in a report this year that an increase in shootings, bombings, torture and murders on the continent were the direct consequences of a “booming cocaine market.”

“We are facing violence that borders on savagery,” Eric Jacobs, head of the judiciary police in Brussels, said last month at a news conference.

That has pushed De Wever to launch a war on drugs in his city and to call for tougher policies across Belgium, even if such an approach in the United States has left a trail of violence over the past 50 years, has not curbed drug use and is widely regarded as a failure.

Decorte said the stepped-up policing had pushed lower-level criminals out of the market and

replaced them with organized criminal gangs, who were often more violent.

“We create incredibly powerful gangs that have money and assets, and they’re able to corrupt whoever they want, wherever they want,” said Decorte, who is part of an organization in Belgium that has pushed for a public health-based approach to solving the drug problem rather than relying on tough enforcement tactics.

Despite the skyrocketing number of seizures in Antwerp, experts are divided on whether it reflects an improvement in tracking cocaine shipments — or if the volumes being shipped are just so much larger.

Customs officers estimate that they seize around 10% of the cocaine smuggled to Europe, with Antwerp and Rotterdam the leading destinations.

Kristian Vanderwaeren, head of the Belgian customs, said as much cocaine destined for Antwerp had been seized in Latin American ports before departure this year as in the Belgian port itself.

“We’re seizing a lot, but is that hurting criminals?” Vanderwaeren said. “So much cocaine is escaping us.”

At the port in Antwerp, Somers, the customs investigator, said it was easy to feel overwhelmed at the size of the networks involved in the drug trade.

Corruption was impacting every level of the supply chain: Dock workers and crane operators, as well as customs officials and civil servants, were being paid off to look the other way, he said.

More than 64,000 people work at the port of Antwerp and 80,000 others depend on its activities.

“If you look at the amount of people involved in the business,” Somers said, sometimes it feels “like everyone is involved.”



Defense attorney Paul Engh, right, speaks as Judge Regina Chu discusses jury instructions Monday in the trial of ex-Officer Kim Potter in the April 11 death of Daunte Wright. COURT TV

Chauvin’s murder case casts long shadow in Potter’s trial

By Steve Karnowski and Amy Forliti
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — It’s former Officer Kim Potter who’s on trial for the killing of Daunte Wright, but the trial in the same courtroom earlier this year of ex-cop Derek Chauvin in the death of George Floyd is casting a shadow over the proceedings.

During jury selection last week, there was little mention of Chauvin or Floyd, whose death sparked outrage over police brutality in the U.S. The court has seemed determined at times not to bring it up.

But with opening statements set for Wednesday, reminders of the earlier case are everywhere, ranging from the presence of some of the same prosecutors who tried Chauvin to potential jurors being asked about their fears of delivering an unpopular verdict.

Hennepin County Judge Regina Chu is using the same 18th-floor courtroom where Chauvin was convicted of murder in April by a jury that repeatedly watched video of the white officer kneeling on

the neck of Floyd, a Black man, and where Chauvin was later sentenced by Judge Peter Cahill to 22 ½ years.

Video will also figure in Potter’s manslaughter trial. The jury will see footage showing the white officer shouting “Taser, Taser, Taser” as she aimed her Glock 9 mm semi-automatic pistol at Wright, a Black man, as he tried to drive away from a traffic stop on April 11, then fired a fatal bullet into his chest before exclaiming, “I grabbed the wrong (expletive) gun.”

Her attorneys say Wright’s death was an innocent mistake, not a crime.

Though Floyd’s death was rarely mentioned directly during jury selection, his case’s impact on the trial has been obvious.

The jury pool got nearly the same questionnaires used for Chauvin’s trial, with only slight edits in some places to fit the circumstances of the Potter case.

It doesn’t mention either Chauvin or Floyd by name.

Jurors were asked whether they agree with the “defund the police”

movement that gained momentum after Floyd’s death. They were asked whether they trust police — and whether it’s right to second-guess an officer’s actions under pressure. They were also asked if they had been affected by damaging protests.

Prosecutors and the defense sifted their answers carefully and probed deeper in court. People with moderate views were more likely to be seated, like a man who said he opposed cutting police funding but also said: “I absolutely believe there’s a need for change.”

Some potential jurors were asked by the defense if they had any concern about blowback if they were to acquit Potter.

The only Black person to make it onto the jury, a woman in her 30s, said that “is not a concern for me.”

Just as with Chauvin, Potter’s trial is being livestreamed, a rarity in Minnesota that is partly a concession to high public interest and partly due to pandemic considerations. The courtroom also has clear plastic dividers that are strategically placed.

Germany’s Merkel praised as she bows out after 16 years

By Geir Moulson
Associated Press

BERLIN — Angela Merkel was assured of a place in the history books as soon as she became Germany’s first female chancellor on Nov. 22, 2005.

Over the next 16 years, she was credited with raising Germany’s profile and influence, working to hold a fractious European Union together, managing a string of crises and being a role model for women.

Now that near-record tenure is ending with her leaving office at age 67 to praise from abroad and enduring popularity at home. Her designated successor, Olaf Scholz, is expected to take office Wednesday.

Merkel, a former scientist who grew up in communist East Germany, is bowing out about a week short of the record for longevity held by her one-time mentor, Helmut Kohl, who reunited Germany during his 1982-1998 tenure.

While Merkel perhaps lacks a spectacular signature achievement, the center-right Christian Democrat came to be viewed as an indispensable crisis manager and defender of Western values in turbulent times.

She served alongside four U.S. presidents, four French presidents, five British prime ministers and eight Italian premiers. Her chancellorship was marked by four major challenges: the global financial crisis, Europe’s debt crisis, the 2015-16 influx of refugees to Europe and the coronavirus pandemic.

“It’s undeniable that she’s given Germany a lot of soft power,” said Sudha David-Wilp, the deputy director of the German Marshall Fund of the United States’ Berlin office. “Undoubtedly she’s elevated Germany’s image in the world.”

In a video message at



Angela Merkel has been credited with raising Germany’s profile during 16 years as chancellor. JOCKEL FINCK/AP 2005

Merkel’s final EU summit in October, former U.S. President Barack Obama thanked her for “taking the high ground for so many years.”

Merkel was a driving force behind EU sanctions against Russia over its annexation of Crimea and backing of separatists in eastern Ukraine, and also spearheaded so-far-unfinished efforts to bring about a diplomatic solution there. She was regarded as being “able to have a dialogue with (Russian President Vladimir) Putin on behalf of the West,” David-Wilp said.

She was steadfast in pursuing multilateral solutions to the world’s problems, a principle she set out at a military parade in her honor last week.

The global financial crisis and the migrant influx “made clear how much we depend on cooperation beyond national borders and how indispensable international institutions and multilateral instruments are to be able to cope with the big challenges of our time,” Merkel said, identifying those as climate change, digitization and migration.

That stance was a strong counterpoint to former U.S. President Donald Trump, with whom she had a diffi-

cult relationship. At their first meeting in the White House in March 2017, when photographers shouted for them to shake hands, she quietly asked Trump “do you want to have a hand-shake?” but there was no response from the president, who looked ahead.

Merkel dismissed being labeled as “leader of the free world” during that period, saying leadership is never up to one person or country.

Still, she was viewed as a key leader in the 27-nation EU, famed for her stamina in coaxing agreements in long negotiations.

“Ms. Merkel was a compromise machine,” Luxembourg Prime Minister Xavier Bettel said recently. When negotiations were blocked, she “mostly found something that unites us to move things along.”

That was on display in July 2020, when EU leaders clinched a deal on an unprecedented \$2 trillion budget and coronavirus recovery fund after a quarrelsome four-day summit.

At her 107th and last EU summit, European Council President Charles Michel told Merkel: “You are a monument.” A summit without her would be like “Rome without the Vatican or Paris without the Eiffel Tower,” he added.

BUSINESS

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Trade deficit narrows as exports rebound

Economists say strong bounce back for US means global supply chains are untangling

By **Martin Crutsinger**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. trade deficit narrowed to \$67.1 billion in October, the lowest in six months, after hitting a record high in September. A big rebound in exports helped to offset a much smaller rise in imports.

The October deficit was 17.6% below the all-time peak in September of \$81.4 billion, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday.

It was the smallest monthly deficit since a \$66.2 billion imbalance in April.

The rebound in exports is seen by economists as evidence of global supply chains beginning to untangle, and they believe smaller deficits this quarter could give a solid boost to overall U.S. economic growth.

There were gains in numerous export categories, suggesting that a recovering global economy is beginning to boost demand for U.S. products. Americans' demand for imports had

been racing ahead of export sales as the U.S. economy recovered more quickly than other countries from the pandemic.

In October, exports rose 8.1% to \$223.6 billion while imports were up a much smaller 0.9% to \$290.7 billion. The deficit is the gap between what the United States exports to the rest of the world and the imports it purchases from foreign nations.

The politically sensitive trade deficit with China, the largest with any country, fell by 14% in October to \$31.4 billion.

For the first 10 months of this year, the deficit in goods

trade with China is running 13.7% higher than a year ago.

America's overall deficit trade deficit totaled \$705.2 billion so far this year, 29.7% above the same period a year ago. Trade flows were sharply curtailed last year amid the pandemic as the COVID-19 pandemic restricted economic activity.

Part of the October increase in exports reflected a surge in oil exports, reflecting a return to more normal operations at Gulf Coast refineries which had been shut down by Hurricane Ida.

Big gains in U.S. auto exports and imports suggest that the global computer

chip shortage, which had crimped auto production, was beginning to ease, a trend that has been noted by leaders in the auto industry.

Andrew Hunter, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics, predicted that an improving trade picture would add around 1 percentage point to U.S. economic growth in the current October-December quarter.

He expects the gross domestic product to expand at an annual rate of 6.5% this quarter, a significant improvement from the modest 2.1% growth rate in the third quarter.

While the trade report offered evidence that supply

chain problems were easing, Hunter noted that while the number of waiting ships anchored off U.S. ports has declined in recent weeks they remain at "historically high levels."

He also cautioned that the emergence of the new omicron variant and the travel restrictions that have been reinstated could dampen services trade in coming months.

Tuesday's report showed that the deficit in goods totaled \$83.9 billion in October while America's surplus in services trade, which includes airline and other travel payments, totaled \$16.8 billion.

Drugstores squeezed by demand, staff shortages

By **Tom Murphy**
Associated Press

A rush of vaccine-seeking customers and staff shortages are squeezing drugstores around the U.S., leading to frazzled workers and temporary pharmacy closures.

Drugstores are normally busy this time of year with flu shots and other vaccines, but now pharmacists are doling out a growing number of COVID-19 shots and giving coronavirus tests.

The push for shots is expected to grow more intense as President Joe Biden urges vaccinated Americans to get booster shots to combat the emerging omicron variant. The White House said Thursday that more than two in three COVID-19 vaccinations are happening at local pharmacies.

And pharmacists worry another job might soon be

added to their to-do list: If regulators approve antiviral pills to treat COVID-19, pharmacists may be able to diagnose infections and then prescribe pills to customers.

"There's crazy increased demand on pharmacies right now," said Theresa Tolle, an independent pharmacist who has seen COVID-19 vaccine demand quadruple since the summer at her Sebastian, Florida, store.

Pharmacists say demand for COVID-19 vaccines started picking up over the summer as the delta variant spread rapidly. Booster shots and the expansion of vaccine eligibility to include children have since stoked it. On top of that workload and routine prescriptions, many drugstores also have been asking pharmacists to counsel patients more generally on their health or about chronic conditions.

Pharmacies also have

been handling more phone calls from customers with questions about vaccines or COVID-19 tests, noted Justin Wilson, who owns three independent pharmacies in Oklahoma.

"We're all working a lot harder than we did before, but we're doing everything we can to take care of people," Wilson said, adding that he has not had to temporarily close any of his pharmacies or limit hours so far.

Others haven't been as fortunate. A CVS Health store on the northeast side of Indianapolis shuttered its pharmacy in the middle of the afternoon Thursday due to staffing issues. A sign taped to the metal gate over the closed pharmacy counter also told customers that the pharmacy will soon start closing for a half-hour each afternoon so the pharmacist can have a lunch break.



A sign is posted outside a CVS pharmacy Dec. 2 in Indianapolis. A rush of vaccine-seeking customers and staff shortages are squeezing drugstores around the country. That has led to frazzled workers and even temporary pharmacy closures. **TOM MURPHY/AP**

Such temporary closures have ebbed and flowed in pockets around the country throughout the pandemic, but they have grown more acute in recent months, said Anne Burns, a vice president with the American Pharmacists Association.

Pharmacies all need minimum staffing to operate safely, and they sometimes

have to close temporarily if they fall below those levels.

Burns said many pharmacies already had relatively thin staffing levels heading into the pandemic, and a wave of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians left after the virus hit.

CVS Health spokesman T.J. Crawford said he couldn't comment on the

circumstances for one store.

But he said his company continues "to manage through a workforce shortage that isn't unique to CVS Health."

Rival drugstore chain Walgreens also has adjusted pharmacy hours "in a limited number of stores," spokesman Fraser Engerman said.

UAW votes for direct election of leaders in wake of scandal

By **Tom Krisher**
Associated Press

DETROIT — Members of the United Auto Workers union have overwhelmingly approved picking their leaders by direct ballot elections, rejecting a system that many blamed for a bribery and embezzlement scandal in the union's top ranks.

The "one member, one vote" measure got about 64% of 140,586 valid ballots that were received by last week's mail-in deadline.

Only about 36% favored the current system of leadership picked by delegates to a convention, according to results released Thursday. The results are not official until approved by the Labor Department and a federal judge.

A court-appointed monitor will develop rules and oversee the election of the union's 13-member International Executive Board, which includes the president, three vice presidents, secretary-treasurer and regional directors.

All current board members including President Ray Curry are expected to run.

The monitor, Neil Barofsky, said in a statement that the election is likely to take place in the summer or fall of next year.

The change is a dramatic one for the 86-year-old union with 397,000 members nationwide. In the past, union leaders were chosen every four years at a convention, with the delegates picked by local union offices.

But the new slate of leaders is picked by the outgoing president, and seldom has there been any serious opposition.

Direct elections received 89,615 votes, while 50,971 wanted delegate voting. Over 1 million active members and retirees were eligible to vote.



Model year 2021 Ford Ranger trucks on the assembly line in June in Wayne, Mich. Members of the UAW union have voted to pick leaders by direct ballot elections. **CARLOS OSORIO/AP**

Barofsky was appointed by a federal judge earlier this year as part of a settlement that avoided a government takeover of the union after a wide-ranging bribery and embezzlement scandal. The vote on direct election of leaders also was part of the settlement.

Peggy Jones, a worker at General Motors' truck assembly plant in Flint, Michigan, said she voted to keep the delegate system but understands that many workers are upset with and don't trust union leaders because of the scandal.

Jones said she voted for the delegate system for fear that smaller industries and locals won't be represented under the direct election system. She's also afraid that some fringe members without experience could be elected.

"You don't want someone in here that doesn't have experience," she said. "There's still a whole lot of good people in the UAW. I have trust in the people who are left."

But Eric Truss, who makes axles for Ford F-150 pickup trucks at the company's Rouge complex in

Dearborn, Michigan, said he voted for direct elections to hold leaders accountable.

"They know if they're not listening to their members, they won't be back in office next time around," said Truss, a member of a union caucus formed to oppose leaders after news of the scandal broke.

Many members, he said, were upset because dues were misused by union leaders after they were raised at the last union convention.

The vote and monitor are part of a December 2020 deal between former UAW President Rory Gamble and ex-U.S. Attorney Matthew Schneider in Detroit that held off moves by the government to take over the union.

Gamble, who retired in June and was replaced by Curry, was not charged in the federal probe.

Eleven union officials and a late official's spouse have pleaded guilty in the corruption probe since 2017, including the two presidents who served before Gamble, Gary Jones and Dennis Williams. Both were sentenced to prison.

MARKET RUNDOWN

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

▲ **DOW**
35,719.43 +492.40

▲ **10-YR T-BOND**
1.48% +.05

▲ **GOLD**
\$1,782.60 +5.10

Dow Jones Industrials
Close: 35,719.43
Change: 492.40 (1.4%)

Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	35,719.43	+492.40	+16.71%
DOW Trans.	16,355.42	+27.79	+30.77%
DOW Util.	934.12	+7.03	+8.04%
NYSE Comp.	16,853.57	+261.61	+16.03%
Nasdaq Comp.	15,686.92	+461.76	+21.71%
S&P 500	4,686.75	+95.08	+24.78%
S&P 400	2,802.06	+46.16	+21.48%
Wilshire 5000	47,933.39	+1,020.46	+21.48%
Russell 2000	2,253.79	+50.31	+14.12%

Commodities

	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
FUELS			
Crude Oil (bbl)	72.05	69.49	+48.50%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	3.71	3.66	+46.04%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.10	2.04	+47.49%
METALS			
Gold (oz)	1,782.60	1,777.50	-5.84%
Silver (oz)	22.49	22.23	-14.60%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange		Money Rates	
ForEx in U.S. \$	U.S. \$ in ForEx	PREV. CLOSE	PREV. WK.
Britain	1.3238	.7554	3.25
Canada	.7906	1.2649	0.06
China	.1571	6.3669	0.15
Euro	1.1262	.8879	1.26
Japan	.008800	113.64	1.48
Mexico	.047566	21.0234	1.80

Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	15,813.94	+433.15	+2.82%	+15.27%
London	7,339.90	+107.62	+1.49%	+13.61%
Hong Kong	23,983.66	+634.28	+2.72%	-11.93%
Nikkei	28,455.60	+528.23	+1.89%	+3.69%

Stocks of Local Interest				
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG	
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	31.04	+2.25	+1364.2	
AT&T Inc (T)	23.08	-.20	-19.7	
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	144.85	+5.79	+57.9	
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	17.89	-.04	+13.4	
Amphenol Corp (APH)	83.85	+1.10	...	
Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY)	8.46	+1.1	+1	
Apple Inc (AAPL)	171.18	+5.86	+29.0	
Ardelyx Inc (ARDX)	1.45	+0.7	-77.6	
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	51.01	+3.2	+12.2	
Bank of America (BAC)	44.71	+5.6	+47.5	
Barnes Group (B)	46.36	-.38	-8.5	
Blue Owl Capital Inc (OWL)	15.91	+4.9	...	
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2245.03	+17.75	+8	
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	57.13	+3.0	-7.9	
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	92.93	+2.8	+36.1	
Carnival Corp (CCL)	18.50	-.09	-14.6	
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	56.64	+7.9	+50.2	
Charter Communic (CHTR)	650.60	-22.35	-1.7	
Cigna Corp (CI)	207.97	+1.38	-1	
Cisco Syst (CSCO)	58.08	+1.12	+29.8	
Citigroup (C)	62.90	+3.8	+2.0	
CocaCola Co (KO)	55.21	+3.0	+7	
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	49.58	-2.77	-5.4	
Dare Bioscience Inc (DARE)	2.12	+2.0	+58.4	
DiDi Global Inc (DIDI)	7.20	+5.3	-49.1	
Disney (DIS)	150.81	+4.4	-16.8	
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	126.75	+1.57	+38.6	
Energy Transfer L.P. (ET)	8.36	+1.8	+35.3	
Ensysce Biosciences (ENSC)	3.19	+1.84	-77.8	
Ethan Allen (ETD)	24.50	+2.2	+21.2	
Eversource Energy (ES)	87.30	+1.16	+9	
Ford Motor (F)	19.96	+7.4	+127.1	
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	7.55	+3.6	-32.4	
Gen Dynamics (GD)	199.32	-.25	+33.9	
Gen Electric (GE)	97.55	+1.54	+13.2	
Gevo Inc (GEVO)	5.55	+4.0	+30.6	
Grab Holdings Ltd A (GRAB)	8.85	-.15	+1.1	
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	68.25	+5.8	+39.3	
Honeywell Intl (HON)	207.15	+9.0	-2.6	
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	16.54	+0.5	+24.9	
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	23.06	+8.1	+36.0	
Intel Corp (INTC)	52.57	+1.58	+5.5	
Kaman (KAMN)	41.27	-.68	-27.8	
Keycorp (KEY)	23.21	+1.5	+41.4	
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	67.50	+1.15	+34.2	

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG	
Lucid Group Inc (LCID)	43.88	-.98	+63.5	
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	42.74	+5.3	+35.6	
Magellan Health Inc (MGLN)	94.54	+0.3	+14.1	
Meten Holding Group (METX)	.30	-.01	-85.1	
MetLife Inc (MET)	60.53	+8.6	+28.9	
Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	334.92	+8.73	+50.6	
Norwegian Cruise Ln (NCLH)	20.12	+0.9	-20.9	
Novartis AG (NVS)	80.68	+1.5	-14.6	
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	324.27	+23.90	+148.4	
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	85.70	+1.69	+26.9	
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	19.46	+6.6	-17.4	
Peoples Utd Fncl (PBCT)	17.62	+1.2	+36.3	
Pfizer Inc (PFE)	51.72	+2.4	+40.5	
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	6.83	+0.9	+10.9	
Progenity Inc (PROG)	2.73	-.09	-48.6	
Prudential Fncl (PLRU)	105.75	+1.55	+35.5	
Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	64.62	+9.1	+10.8	
Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	85.01	+1.25	+18.9	
Rogers Corp (ROG)	271.22	-.78	+74.7	
SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	78.45	+1.94	+7.8	
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc (SIRI)	6.20	-.12	-2.7	
SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	16.62	+9.0	-26.6	
Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	5.04	+1.3	+69.1	
Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	186.05	+1.69	+4.2	
Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	25.72	+2.28	+33.3	
Stran & Company Inc (STRN)	5.54	+3.3	+39.9	
Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.60	+0.2	+26.2	
Terex Corp (TEX)	45.94	+1.92	+31.7	
Travelers Cos (TRV)	153.09	+1.27	+9.1	
Uber Technologies (UBER)	38.08	-.41	-25.3	
United Rentals (URI)	356.75	+11.86	+53.8	
UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	464.73	+4.62	+32.5	
Verizon Comm (VZ)	50.79	-.28	-13.5	
Virtus Invest (VRTS)	299.96	+6.66	+38.2	
Voya Financial (VOYA)	63.46	+4.0	+7.9	
Webster Financial (WBS)	54.72	-.32	+29.8	
Wells Fargo & Co (WFC)	50.25	+1.44	+66.5	
White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1007.34	-.29	+7	
World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	49.76	+4.2	+3.6	
XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	79.30	+3.82	+14.3	
Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	20.63	+1.6	-11.0	
Yamana Gold Inc (AUY)	4.04	+1.0	-29.2	

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NEWS BRIEFING

Congressional leaders reach a deal to allow debt ceiling increase

From news services

WASHINGTON — Congressional leaders in both parties reached a deal Tuesday on a bill that would allow a swift increase in the debt ceiling amid a Republican blockade, agreeing to attempt an unusual maneuver that could avert the threat of a first-ever federal default.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., announced a House vote on the measure in a letter to Democrats after days of bipartisan talks to resolve the stalemate.

Its passage was not guaranteed in the evenly divided Senate, where Republicans have for weeks refused to let Democrats take up any bill to provide a long-term debt ceiling increase, but Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the Senate minority leader, signaled that it was a solution that he and his colleagues could accept.

The Treasury Department has said that it could breach the statutory limit on its ability to borrow to finance the federal government's obligations soon after Dec. 15 without congressional action, which would lead to a catastrophic default that could wreak havoc on the U.S. and global economies.

The measure would create a special pathway — to be used only once, before mid-January — for the Senate to raise the debt limit by a specific amount with a simple majority vote, allowing Democrats to steer clear of a filibuster or other procedural hurdles so that Republicans would have no means to block it.

The proposal is wrapped into legislation that would postpone scheduled cuts to Medicare, farm aid and

other mandatory spending programs that were set to kick in next year. Once that bill becomes law, Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., the Senate majority leader, would introduce separate legislation raising the debt limit. That is expected to pass with only Democratic votes in the 50-50 Senate, where Vice President Kamala Harris is empowered to break ties.

McConnell and 10 Republicans agreed in October to allow the Senate to take up a short-term increase to the debt limit, which ultimately passed with Democratic votes.

But some of those senators warned they would not acquiesce again, and McConnell and Schumer began quietly discussing alternatives.

"I'm confident that this particular procedure, coupled with the avoidance of Medicare cuts, will achieve enough Republican support to clear the 60-vote threshold," McConnell said, predicting a Thursday vote for the bill in the Senate.

Britain, Afghanistan: Britain's Foreign Office abandoned many of the nation's allies in Afghanistan and left them to the mercy of the Taliban during the fall of the capital, Kabul, because of a dysfunctional and arbitrary evacuation effort, a whistleblower alleged Tuesday.

In devastating evidence to a parliamentary committee, Raphael Marshall said thousands of pleas for help via email were unread between Aug. 21 and Aug. 25. The former Foreign Office employee estimated that only 5% of Afghan nationals who applied to flee under one U.K. program received help. He said that



Members of different social movements celebrate Tuesday in the Senate after the passage of a bill to legalize same-sex marriage at the National Congress in Valparaiso, Chile. The measure has the support of President Sebastian Pinera, who must sign it into law, and will also enable married same-sex couples in Chile to adopt children. **DEDVI MISSENE/GETTY-AFP**

at one point, he was the only person monitoring the inbox.

"There were usually over 5,000 unread emails in the inbox at any given moment, including many unread emails dating from early in August," he wrote to the Foreign Affairs Select Committee, which is investigating Britain's chaotic departure from Afghanistan. "These emails were desperate and urgent. I was struck by many titles including phrases such as 'please save my children'."

Marshall said some of those left behind had been killed by the Taliban.

Khashoggi case: French police arrested a Saudi man Tuesday in connection with the assassination of dissident writer Jamal Khashoggi, but French authorities warned that they were still verifying his identity.

A French judicial official confirmed that the man, identified as Khalid Alotaibi, 33, was arrested at the Roissy-Charles de Gaulle airport north of Paris on the basis of an interna-

tional arrest warrant issued by Turkey, just before he was to board a flight for Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

A man by that name is accused of being a member of the team that killed Khashoggi inside the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul in 2018.

The arrest could reignite the international intrigue caused by the killing at a time when Saudi Arabia and its de facto ruler, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, are seeking to leave it behind and rebuild their international reputation.

A Saudi official, however, said the arrest was a case of mistaken identity.

"Media reports suggesting that a person who was implicated in the crime against Saudi citizen Jamal Khashoggi has been arrested in France are false," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity per Saudi rules. "Those convicted of the crime are currently serving their sentences in Saudi Arabia."

If the man arrested turns out to be the suspect, France could extradite him

to Turkey to face charges there.

A Turkish trial of the suspects has been proceeding slowly, primarily because Saudi Arabia has refused to hand over any of the accused. If Alotaibi ends up in the dock in Turkey, he would be the first suspect to be tried in person outside of Saudi Arabia.

A Saudi court sentenced five men to death and three to prison terms for the murder, but the death sentences were replaced by prison terms after one of Khashoggi's sons said he and his siblings had pardoned the killers. But access to the trial was limited, the names of those convicted were never made public, and human rights groups dismissed the process as a sham.

It is not known whether Alotaibi was one of those convicted.

Noncitizen US voters: New York City, long a beacon for immigrants, is on the cusp of becoming the largest place in the country to give noncitizens the right to vote in local elections.

Legally documented, voting-age noncitizens comprise nearly one in nine of the city's 7 million voting-age inhabitants. Under a bill nearing approval, some 800,000 noncitizens would be allowed to cast ballots in elections to pick the mayor, City Council members and other municipal officeholders. Noncitizens still wouldn't be able to vote for president or members of Congress in federal races, or in the state elections that pick the governor, judges and legislators.

Little stands in the way of the effort becoming law. The measure has broad support within the City Council, which is expected to ratify the proposal Thursday. Mayor Bill de Blasio has raised concerns about the wisdom and legality of the legislation, but said he won't veto it.

The law would give an electoral voice to the many New Yorkers who love the city and have made it their permanent home, but can't easily become U.S. citizens or would rather remain citizens of their home nations for various reasons.

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team is essential. "There's nothing wrong with owning a hot dog stand, but I would have a hot dog stand if it was just me," Anderson said.

The menu at Millwright's changes daily, but two dishes are perennials. One is his tapioca clam chowder. He created it in honor of "the best dish I've ever had," a tapioca-based dish called "oysters and pearls" at Thomas Keller's French Laundry restaurant in Yountville, California.

"It was a soufflé, very savory, with caviar. When I ate that, I realized I wanted to be a chef," he said. "Clam chowder is my favorite overall dish, so I combined my favorite dish with the best thing I ever ate."

The second is chicken and dumplings. "It's our take on the traditional dish. We smoke the chicken. It's more like a pasta dish than a stew, made with ricotta gnocchi instead of traditional dumplings," he said.

In January, Anderson will start a new feature at the restaurant, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

"It's called The Workshop at Millwright's. It's me cooking upstairs in the loft. It's a tasting menu only. You buy a ticket, give us your allergies and food dislikes. I work around it. It will give me the opportunity to cook exactly what I want to cook. It will have a dinner party feel," he said. millwrightsrestaurant.com.

Viron Rondo Osteria in Cheshire: The south region of Connecticut includes New Haven, a foodie mecca. So it says a lot that a restaurant in Cheshire, Viron Rondo Osteria at 1721 Highland Ave., won Restaurant of the Year in that region. It was the first time the eatery founded 7 and a half years ago by Viron Rondo has been honored by the CRA.

"We have created a very special place," said Rondo, who is from Albania and is of Greek ancestry. "All of my people make it special, the cooks, the food and beverage program, the designers."

Ambience is important to Rondo. "The interior reminds people of New York and the exterior reminds

them of the Mediterranean. Guests' first response is, it makes you feel like you're on vacation."

Everything about Viron Rondo is big. Indoors, the restaurant seats 250 to 300 people. In warm weather, 300 more can fit on the deck. The two kitchens, combined, are 5,000 square feet. The lengthy wine list includes Italian whites and reds and wines from Spain, Portugal, Lebanon, France, Argentina, Australia, Greece, Israel, New Zealand and California.

The menu offers salads, pastas, pizza, veal, beef, salmon, chicken, pork chops and a wide variety of appetizers, including octopus, mussels, squid and a customer favorite, My Mother's Chips.

"It's eggplant and zucchini, sliced thin, fried. It's beautiful and very tasty," Rondo said. Other popular dishes are the Faroe Island salmon and the organic chicken from Bell & Evans. vironrondoosteria.com.

Oyster Club in Mystic: Oyster Club, 13 Water St. in Mystic, has been honored by the CRAzies three years in a row as the east region's Restaurant of the Year. Owner Daniel Meiser said the key to success is trusting your team. A second key, he said, is sourcing food locally. "Myself and my wife are part-owners of Stone Acres Farm [in Stonington], which has been in my wife's family since 1765," Meiser said. "We get about a quarter of our produce from there."

Oyster Club's produce is good year-round, he said, because Oyster Club does its own preserving, dehydrating, curing and pickling in late summer and early fall.

To make tagliatelle, one of the most popular dishes since Oyster Club opened 10 years ago, Meiser uses finback cheese from Mystic Cheese Company and beef from Beriah Lewis Farm in Stonington.

Another popular dish, on the menu since Day One, is the chowder, in both the creamy New England style and the brothy Rhode Island style. "It's super simple food, executed at its highest level, with cream from Sweet Grass Creamery in Preston," he said.

Other than those popu-

lar items, the menu changes "almost daily," he said. Dishes include a raw bar, oysters, mussels, monkfish, swordfish, steaks and chicken. oysterclubct.com.

@ The Corner in Litchfield: The Litchfield eatery @The Corner, at 3 West St., won Restaurant of the Year in the west region. The 15-year-old restaurant is owned by Jayne Lanphear. Her husband, Red Lanphear, runs their other restaurant, Black Rock Tavern in Thomaston. Their son, Jeff Schmidt, owns Hindsight BBQ in Waterbury.

"Restaurants are in our blood," Jayne Lanphear said.

That said, Lanphear gives a lot of credit for @ The Corner's success to her chef, Carlos Perez. "He is so passionate about what he does. He takes risks with food," Lanphear said.

The restaurant is known for its cocktail and craft beer selection, with many Connecticut-made brews, and its multifaceted business model. "We have take-out, we have retail — hot sauces, local honeys, infused oils and vinegars — we have a taco bar and a cocktail bar. We are constantly evolving," she said.

Among the most popular menu items are the turkey-apple-brie sandwich, the cowboy burger and the primadonna salad, which changes ingredients with the seasons. "In the summer, we put fresh blueberries on it. In the fall, we have cranberries and slivered almonds. Sometimes in the spring, we have strawberries. Carlos is doing the winter menu. We'll see what he comes up with," she said. The CRA honor was the first, and the first nomination, for @ The Corner. atthecorner.com.

The Charles in Wethersfield: The CRA gives a Newcomer award every year. This year was unusual. All nominees opened during the pandemic. With eateries struggling, opening during COVID was seen as an act of foolhardy optimism.

But for many, optimism paid off. Bryce Hardy opened The Charles, at 161 Main St. in Wethersfield, in June 2020 and won the Newcomer prize this year. From the start, he had to

make up his strategy on the fly.

"In one way we were lucky. Think about the place you like to go the most. Going back after COVID, it was different. Everything was changed," he said. "But at the Charles, it was how we were from the start. All our customers knew where to find us, wide seating patterns. I think it helped consumer confidence."

Since then, The Charles has been embraced by the community and by critics. The kitchen, led by chef Tom Kaldy, has created customers favorites such as chicken and dumplings made with airline chicken breast and potato gnocchi, homemade Italian fennel sausage with pickled long hots and garlic butter, and deviled eggs with smoked jamon and sriracha.

Entrees include spicy miso ramen, steak frites, fish and chips, chicken cacciatore, banh mi, French dip sandwich and a ham croque. thecharlesct.com.

Red36 in Mystic: Red36, 2 Washington St. in Mystic, won the People's Choice Award, a vote held entirely by the general public. The restaurant, which opened in 2014, is named after a buoy. Like a buoy, it's all about the ocean: the menu is dominated by clams, oysters, shrimp, lobster, mussels, scallops, calamari, crab.

Owner Angela Kannabis said Red36 won Restaurant Newcomer shortly after it opened. This is its second CRA award. Kannabis said when her restaurant started out, she was happy with the crowd it attracted. Now, however, it has boomed in popularity.

The lobster roll is especially popular. The recent volatility in the price has led Kannabis to list the dish at market price, sometimes up to \$30 for a roll. She said guests have accepted it. "People realize what is going on. The entire country is going through this. As long as they are getting what they ordered and are enjoying it, they are happy," she said.

The oversized salads are popular, too. "We tried to take some off the menu to try to make room for other things, but we got pushback from our regular customers, so they stayed," she said. red36ct.com.

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when everyone can see each other again and share a drink and catch up and laugh and tell war stories," Meiser said.

Restaurant of the year: Millwright's in Simsbury was honored as the state's Restaurant of the Year. That honor was chosen from four regional winners. Those winners are:

North Region: Millwright's in Simsbury. Other nominees were Arugula in West Hartford, Present Company in Tarriffville and Shu in West Hartford. South Region: Viron Rondo Osteria in Cheshire. Other nominees were Le Petit Café in Branford, Shell & Bones in New Haven, and Tavern on State in New Haven.

East Region: Oyster Club in Mystic. Other nominees were Stone Row Kitchen & Bar in Willimantic, Tao Asian Bistro & Lounge at Mohegan Sun and Tony D's in New London.

West Region: @ the Corner in Litchfield. Other nominees were Community Table in New Preston, OKO in Westport and Taproot in Bethel.

Restaurant newcomer: Restaurant Newcomer winner was The Charles in Wethersfield. Other nominees were Camacho Garage in New Haven, Dockside Brewery in Milford, Don Memo in Westport and Shipwright's Daughter in Mystic.

People's choice: The People's Choice award, entirely chosen by the public, was given to Red36 in Mystic. Other nominees were Taco Daddy in Stamford, The Place 2 Be in Hartford and West Hartford, and Twisted Italian Café in Hartford's Parkville Market.

Chef of the year: Chef of the Year is Emily Mingrone of Tavern on State in New Haven, the first woman to win the award. Other nominees were Michone Danae Arrington of The Art of Yum in Waterbury and Southington, Ashley

Flagg of Millwright's in Simsbury, Joel Gargano of Grano Arso in Cheater and Manuel Romero from Olea in New Haven.

Pastry chef of the year: Pastry Chef / Baker of the Year: Kristin Eddy of Millwright's in Simsbury. Other nominees were Chan Graham of BouNom Bakery in Avon, David Vacca of Nana's Bakery & Pizza in Mystic and Rob VanKeuren of Flour Water Salt Bread in Darien.

Bartender of the year: Bartender of the Year: Khalid Williams from The Barrel Age in Bloomfield. Other nominees were Ryan Andrade from The White Hart Inn in Salisbury, Jade Ayala from Oyster Club in Mystic, and Juan Meyer from Rosina's in Greenwich.

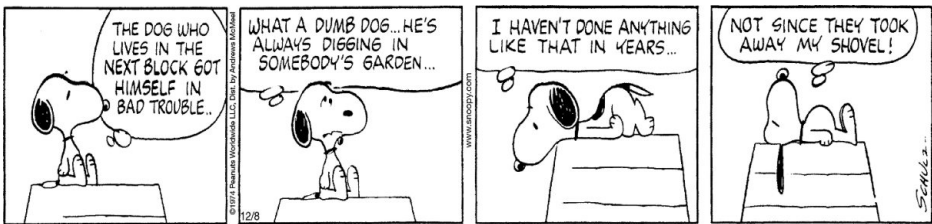
Server of the year: Server of the Year: Jason Gould from Fleming's Steakhouse in West Hartford. Other nominees were Amanda Casey from Viron Rondo Osteria in Cheshire, Brendan Hayes from Roma Ristorante in Oakville and Jess Saunders from Dockside Brewery in Milford.

Caterer of the year: Caterer of the Year: Marcia Selden Catering & Events of Stamford. Other nominees were Delicacy Catering of West Hartford, Emily's Catering of Bristol and The Mobile Pub in Watertown.

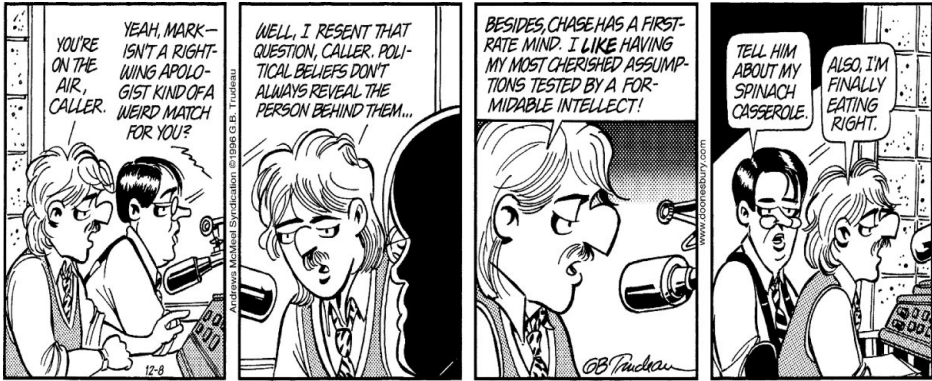
Hospitality Hall of Fame inductees: In honors announced in September, Louis Lunch in New Haven, where the hamburger was created in 1900, and Match, a pioneer in the renaissance of the SoNo section of Norwalk in 1999, were inducted into the CRA's Hospitality Hall of Fame. Also, Bill Taibe of For The Food Restaurant Group, which owns The Whelk, Don Memo and Kawa Ni in Westport and The Norwalk Art Space Café, was named 2021 Restaurateur of the Year.

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Classic Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau



Garfield By Jim Davis



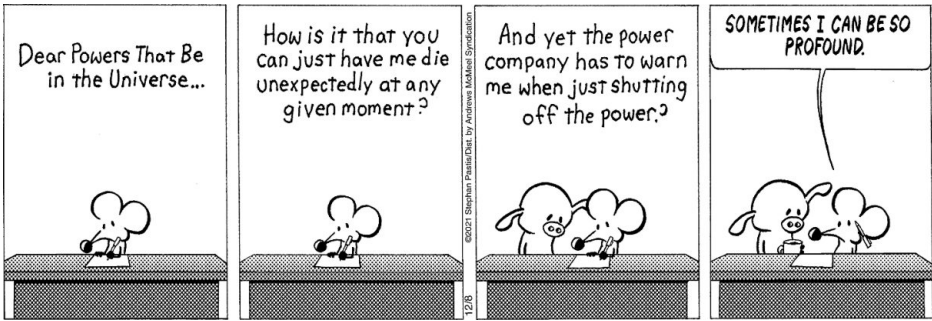
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Dustin By Steve Kelley & Jeff Parker



Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis



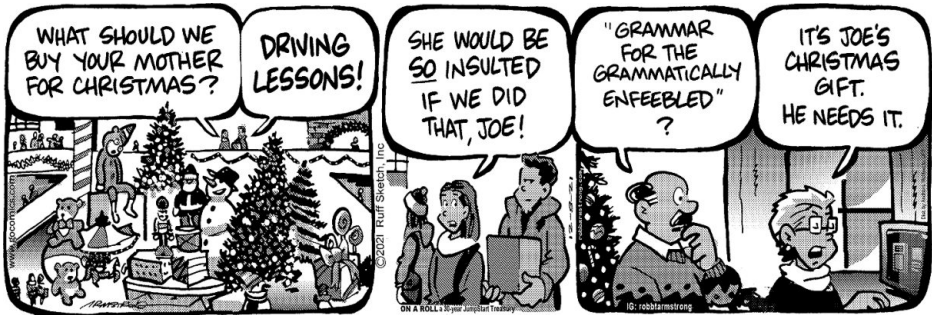
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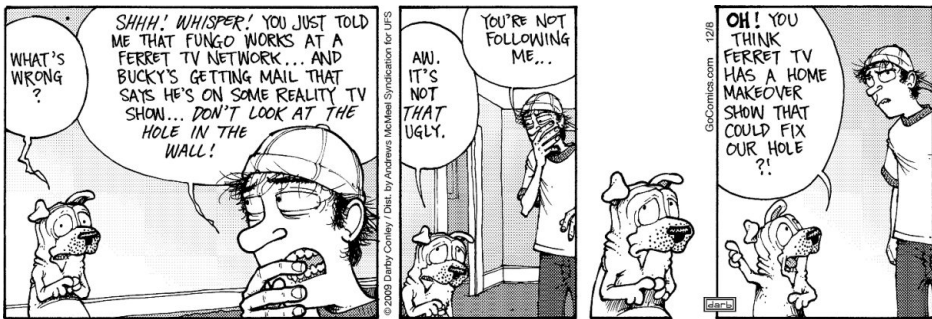
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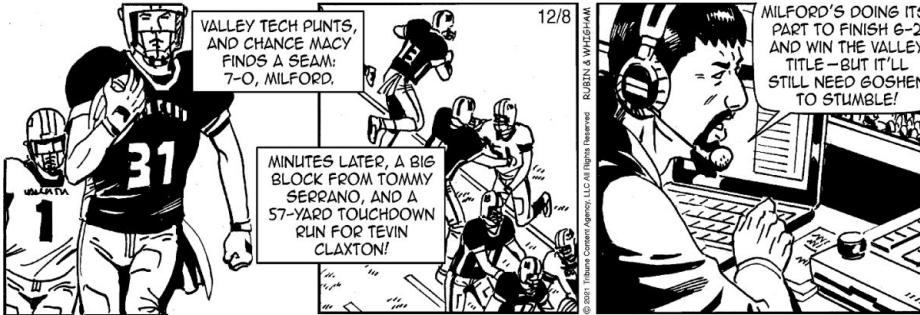
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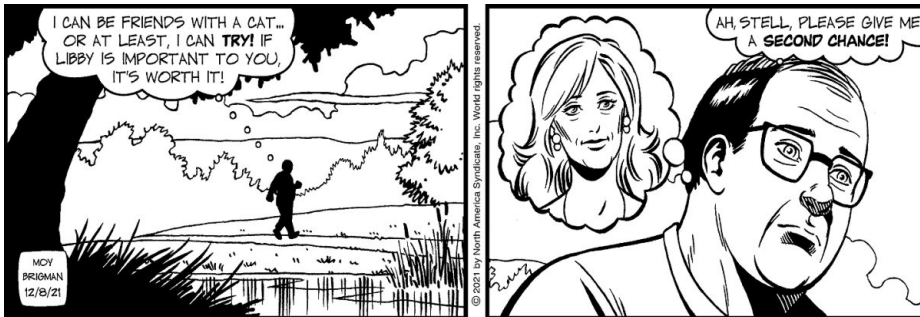
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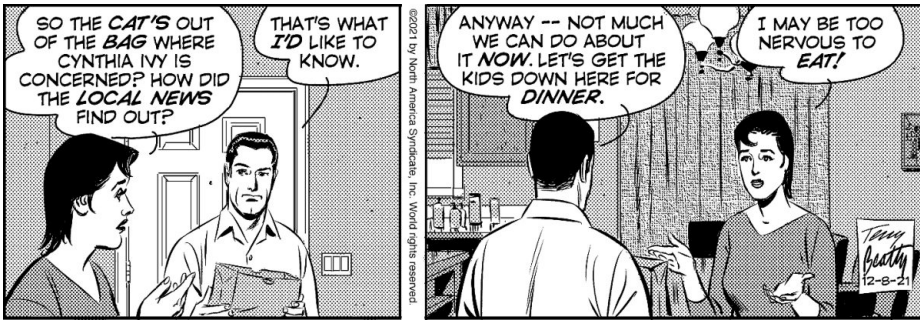
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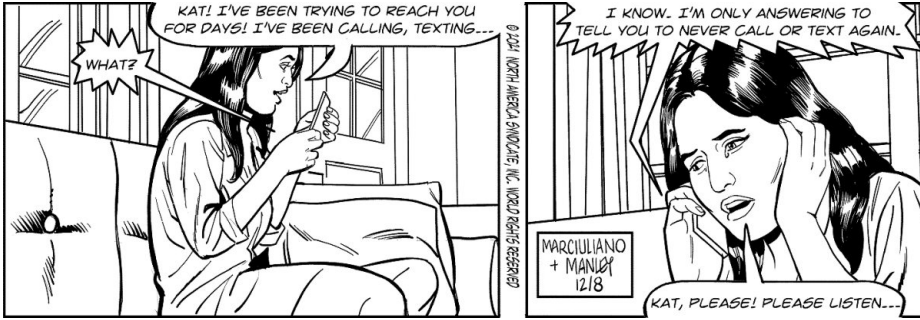
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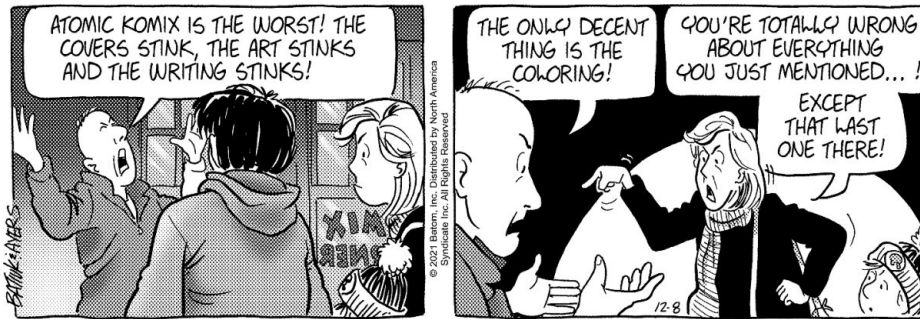
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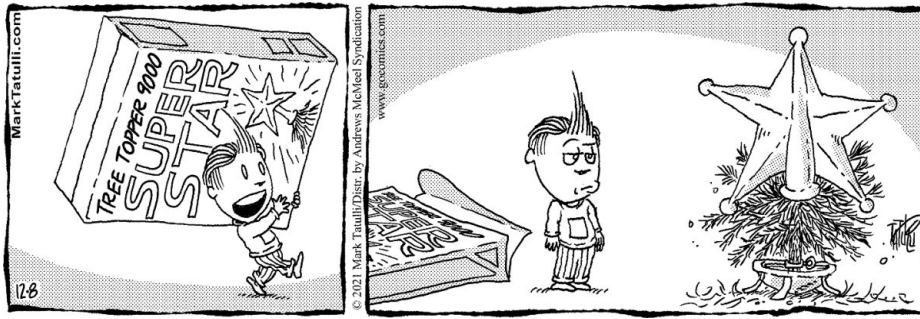
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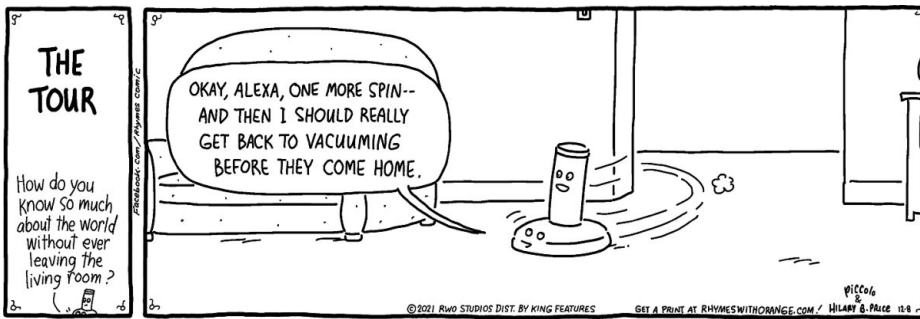
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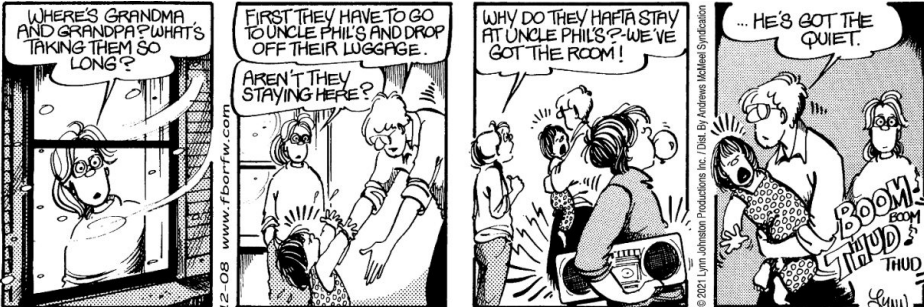
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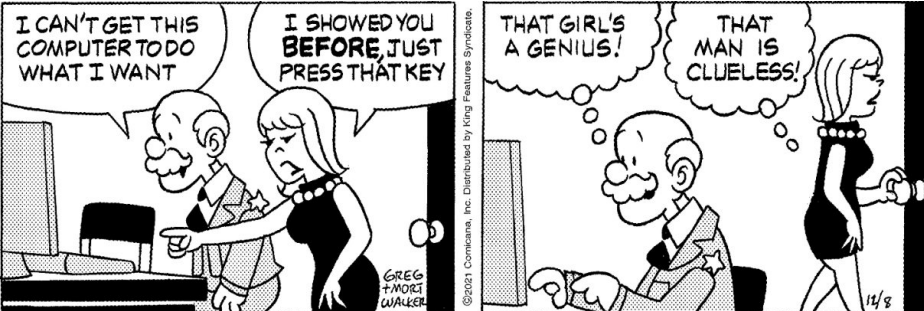
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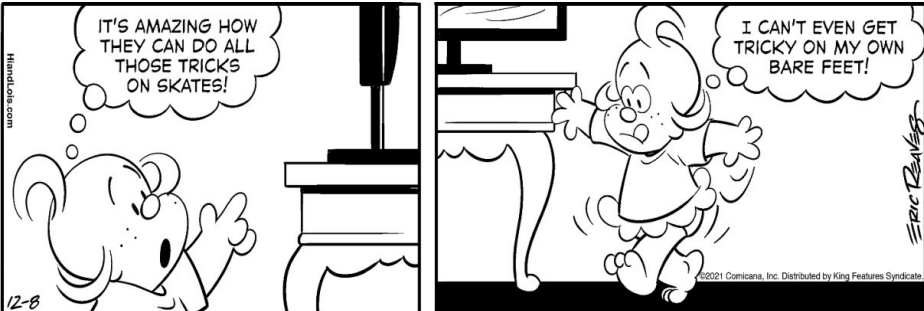
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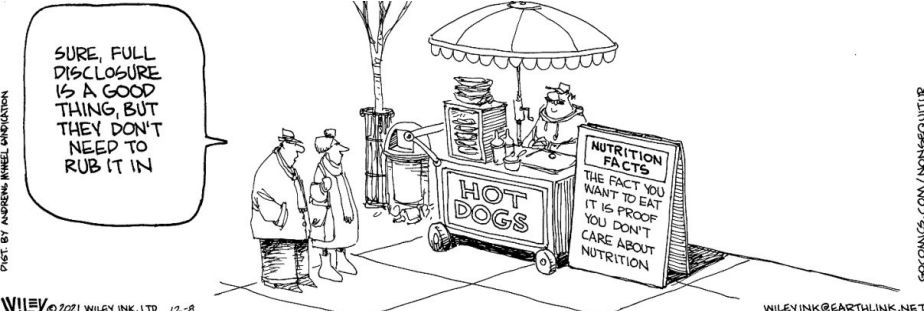
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Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady and Don Wimmer



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Across

1 Midday tide-me-over
6 Landlocked African land
10 Acrimony
14 Common wrist measurement
15 Tatting fabric
16 Geometry calculation
17 Excs who only look the part
19 Pics for docs
20 Stephen Colbert's network
21 Jury makeup
22 Beyond heavy
23 Burden
24 Screwdriver, e.g.
25 Ostentatiously nice sort
31 MLB game-ending accomplishments
32 Tomatoes used to make paste
33 Guest beyond a velvet rope
35 Pac-12 squad
36 Shrink in fear
37 Spread-sheet input
38 Debussy's sea
39 Expert
40 More delicate
41 Pompous types
44 High-flying mil. group
45 __ museum
46 Land divisions
48 Hard stuff
51 Pollution watchdog org.
54 Designated money
55 Pretentiously elegant one

Down

1 Project detail
2 Without feeling
3 European range
4 Wisconsin winter hrs.
5 Security system components
6 Game with rooms
7 Rapunzel's "ladder"
8 Play divisions
9 __ Moines
10 Panda's diet

11 Of no consequence
12 Parts of Hawaiian greetings
13 Get (into) carefully
18 Attention-getting, in a way
22 Reactions to fireworks
23 Little piggies
24 Winter Palace monarch
25 Starting spots for some races
26 Reversed on appeal
27 Treasure __
28 Blew away
29 Dark clouds, maybe
30 Internet destinations
31 What a capital sigma symbolizes, in math

34 Course standard
36 Informal London eatery
37 Gossip
39 Degs. for choreographers
40 Campsite staple
42 Familiar with
43 Unclear
46 Off in the distance
47 Rubik creation
48 Reveal
49 Almost never
50 Protest singer Phil
51 Children's author
52 Returning GI's diagnosis
53 Pallid
55 Considerable, as a bonus
56 "Where __ you now?"

By Ed Beckert Tribune Content Agency 12/8/21

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 4 3 2
♥ Q 10 3
♦ A K 7 6 3
♣ 10 5

WEST
♠ 9 7 6 5
♥ 7 6
♦ 9 8 5
♣ 9 7 2

EAST
♠ K J 10 8
♥ 8 5 4 2
♦ J 10
♣ J 6 3

SOUTH
♠ A
♥ A K J 9
♦ Q 4 2
♣ A K Q 8 4

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	5 NT
Pass	7 ♦	Pass	7 NT

Opening lead — six of spades.

Once upon a time

Many years ago, B. Jay Becker, the former editor of this column, was playing in a team contest and held the South hand. He opened two clubs, and his partner, Dorothy Hayden, bid three diamonds.

Becker thereupon invoked the grand slam force convention by bidding five notrump. This asked his partner to bid seven of her suit if she had two of the three top diamond honors. Hayden duly bid seven diamonds, which Becker converted to seven notrump in the interests of greater safety. Score: 2,220 points.

This was, of course, an excellent result, since they had scored the maximum number of points possible, and they waited anxiously until they could compare results with their teammates to find out whether the opposing North-South pair had also bid the grand slam.

Their high hopes more than materialized when it was learned that at the other table the bidding had gone:

BHAIT
UEQNE
CENRHD
RUYPIF

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: EJECT MATCH CRABBY NOODLE
Answer: He wanted to change the channel to watch the game but didn't have a — REMOTE CHANCE

TODAY'S SUDOKU

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

	8	4						
			9	7				6
4					9	7		
		8			7	2		
	6	7		4			3	
		4	6			8		
8		1						3
5				6	1			
				8		1		

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

3	4	6	7	5	2	1	9	8
1	5	2	8	9	6	7	3	4
8	7	9	4	1	3	5	2	6
5	9	1	2	6	8	4	7	3
2	3	7	5	4	9	8	6	1
4	6	8	3	7	1	2	5	9
9	2	4	1	3	7	6	8	5
7	1	3	6	8	5	9	4	2
6	8	5	9	2	4	3	1	7

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

L	A	C	E	P	A	N	A	C	T	S	A	S
O	P	A	L	E	G	O	S	O	R	E	S	T
W	O	R	K	S	O	U	T	S	C	A	M	P
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Maryann Andrzejczyk (21-00881)

The Hon. Ariana F. Ceneviva, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated December 3, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Paul Gumbus, 211 Grove Street, New Britain, CT 06053
12/8/21 7099741

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Henry S Andrzejczyk (21-00853)

The Hon. Ariana F. Ceneviva, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated December 3, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Paul Gumbus, 211 Grove Street, New Britain, CT 06053
12/8/21 7099732

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Andrea Joy Epling, AKA Andrea J Epling, AKA Andrea Epling (21-00356)

The Hon. Barbara Gardner Riordan, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Tolland - Mansfield Probate Court, by decree dated December 3, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Patrice Maycock-Lusa, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Kaithlin Mary Epling, 108 S. Bediam Rd., Chaplin, CT 06235
12/8/21 7099792

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Kris T. Hoskins, AKA Kris Thomas Hoskins (21-0692)

The Hon. Robert A. Randich, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Newington Probate Court, by decree dated November 30, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Jennifer T. Pietrzak, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Colleen Hoskins
c/o PHYLLIS M DICARA, DICARA & FARRIS, LLC, 750 OLD MAIN ST, PO. BOX 172, ROCKY HILL, CT 06067
12/8/21 7099835

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF ACTION
TOWN OF ROCKY HILL
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Rocky Hill Planning and Zoning Commission, at their Special Meeting on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., in the Town Council Room, second floor, Rocky Hill Town Hall, 761 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill Connecticut, conducted a public hearing and took the following action:

1. Voted to continue the Public Hearing to December 15, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. for Site Plan/Special Permit Application, Belfont Companies, LLC c/o Joseph P Williams, Esq., Shipman & Goodwin LLP proposing a mixed-use development of 213 apartments (93 one bedroom, 120 two bedroom) with 10 percent designated as affordable, 10,000 square feet of office space and 9,500 retail/other commercial space, with associated site improvements on approximately 12.2 acres for property located at 2418 Main Street in the TC-Town Center Zoning District, ID # 10-184;

Dated in Rocky Hill CT this 8th day of December, 2021.

Planning and Zoning Commission
Dimple Desai, Chairman
Guy Drapeau, Secretary
12/8/2021 7099691

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Commission of the Town of Old Saybrook will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 20, 2021 in the 1st floor conference room of the Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street and via teleconference to consider the following:

A. "633 Middlesex Turnpike, LLC" Petition to amend the Old Saybrook Zoning Regulations Sections 32.0 and 32.7.2 to allow one building with a max. gross floor area of 35,000 s.f. in the B-2 zone when located on a five acre parcel. Applicant: 633 Middlesex Turnpike, LLC Agent: Attorney Edward M. Cassella

B. "CGCT Old Saybrook, LLC" Petition to Amend the Old Saybrook Zoning Regulations Section 34.2.2 Gateway Business B-4 District and Section 53.1 Special Standards for Drive-through windows for indoor restaurants to allow drive-through restaurants in the Gateway Business B-4 District. Property Owner: CGCT Old Saybrook, LLC. Agent: Attorney Edward M. Cassella

Public Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/92356062093?pwd=WEZSYVdRcm1DcmS4d2wMcGFTVtZz09>
Meeting ID: 923 5606 2093
Meeting Passcode: 302302
Teleconference Dial-In: (929) 436-2866
One Tap Mobile: tel:/9294362866,92356062093#

At this hearing interested parties may appear and be heard and written communications may be submitted in advance via email to chris.costea@oldsaybrookct.gov or regular mail. Copies of applications and plans are on file in the Land Use Department, Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street and at www.oldsaybrookct.gov/zoning-commission

OLD SAYBROOK ZONING COMMISSION
Robert C. Friedmann, Chairman
12/08, 12/15/21 7089889

LEGAL NOTICE AA21-289

4 Batchelder Rd, Windsor, CT -- Re: Underground propane tank removal & above ground installation in the upland review was approved by the Wetland Agent for the Windsor Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission on November 23, 2021.

12/7 - 12/10, 12/14 - 12/17/2021 7097459

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Gretchen Kehle (21-00381)

The Hon. Barbara Gardner Riordan, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Tolland - Mansfield Probate Court, by decree dated December 3, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Patrice Maycock-Lusa, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Brenda K Wood
c/o JULIA MORRIS PAUL, FALKENSTEIN MEGGERS PAUL & ROBINSON PC., 113 EAST CENTER STREET, MANCHESTER, CT 06040
12/8/21 7099702

LEGAL NOTICE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TOWN OF NEWINGTON
200 Garfield Street
Newington, CT 06111

At a meeting of the Newington Zoning Board of Appeals held on Thursday, December 2, 2021 it was voted that: PETITION # 002106: The applicant, Robert Ludgin, is seeking a variance for the property at 249 Day Street; from section 7.4.19.B to allow a fence height of 6' in the front yard setback, where currently 4' is allowed.

APPROVED
Dated at Newington, December 3, 2021
Erik Hinckley
Land Use Enforcement Officer
Assistant Town Planner
12/8/2021 7099642

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:

177 Brickyard Rd, Farmington, CT 06032
Auction date- December 15, 2021 at 1 PM

Ryan Seier Unit K2 household goods
Jacqueline E Stephens Unit W16 clothes boxes and vehicle mazda csx bergundy
Nisbet John Unit G15 boxes, clothes and hand tools
James Sanderson Jr Unit K6 Household items; Boxes; totes
Gamesters Unit U1 business inventory
Jonathon Martinez Unit V8 Rims, Household Items, Bike, Washer
Carmen Marchisello Unit W22 Household Goods

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

12/01, 12/08/21 7087074

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177 Brickyard Rd, Farmington, CT 06032
Auction date - December 15, 2021 at 1 PM

Jacqueline E Stephens Unit W16 clothes boxes and vehicle mazda csx bergundy
Nisbet John Unit G15 boxes, clothes and hand tools
James Sanderson Jr Unit K6 Household items; Boxes; totes
Jack Mulcahy Unit O46 2 bedroom, boxes, mattress, tools
Jonathon Martinez Unit V8 Rims, Household Items, Bike, Washer
Gamesters/Marlena Gabriel Unit U1 business inventory

Please run the ad on Wed 12-01-21 and Wed 12-08-21 and wrap the ad.

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12/1, 12/8/2021 7063077

LEGAL NOTICE OF ACTION
TOWN OF SIMSBURY
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION -- REGULAR MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Historic District Commission of the Town of Simsbury took the following action(s) at its regular meeting held virtually on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom:

a. Approved with conditions, Application #21-07 of Robert McCusker, Owner for a Certificate of Appropriateness to remove and replace roof on house and porch with asphalt roofing to match the newer section at the property located at 45 East Weatogue Street (Assessor's Map H14, Block 108 Lot 008). Zone R-40.

b. Approved, Application #21-08 of the Simsbury Historic District Commission, Applicant: Laura Barkowski Agent; application for the approval of an updated version of the Historic District Commission Handbook to include sections on an introduction to the handbook and its uses, the review process, design and signage guidelines, and sample applications.

A copy of the above is on file in the Office of the Planning Department, 933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, Connecticut for public inspection.

SIMSBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
12/8/21 7099327

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Martha E. Griffin (21-00712)

The Hon. Walter A. Clebowicz, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated October 5, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
CHRISTOPHER J DONLIN, LAW OFFICES OF CHRISTOPHER J. DONLIN, 2508 WHITNEY AVENUE, HAMDEN, CT 06518
12/8/21 7099799

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Francine Leflier, AKA Francine Renee Leflier (21-00353)

The Hon. Barbara Gardner Riordan, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Tolland - Mansfield Probate Court, by decree dated November 30, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Patrice Maycock-Lusa, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Elissa Leflier
c/o JAMES R MARK, LAVIGNE, MARK, ROGERS, & BRUGGEMAN, LLC, 452 JACKSON STREET, WILLIMANTIC, CT 06226
12/8/21 7099669

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Corrado Salvatore Scata (21-0745)

The Hon. Robert A. Randich, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Newington Probate Court, by decree dated November 1, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Jennifer T. Pietrzak, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Maria Santini
c/o JOSEPH DIMAURO, J DIMAURO LAW LLC, 72 CRYSTAL DR, ROCKY HILL, CT 06067
12/8/21 7099850

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission will conduct Public Hearings via ZOOM meeting on December 13, 2021, commencing at 7 P.M. to consider the following:

1. Wetlands Permit Application of 31 Tobey Road, LTD, at 31 Tobey Road, lot 42-A, maps 55 and 88, for a self-storage facility (owner: 31 Tobey Road, LTD).

2. Wetlands Map Amendment Application of Khalid, LLC, 1301 Blue Hills Avenue, lots 1005 & 1006, map 301, Soil Scientist, James McManus (Owner: Patrick K. Robertson).

3. Wetlands Permit Application of Khalid, LLC, 1301 Blue Hills Avenue, lots 1005 & 1006, map 301, for a fueling and convenience store. (Owner: Patrick K. Robertson).

Full copies of the applications are available at the Planning office at Town Hall. Application material is also available on the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses section of the Town's website. At this meeting, interested persons may be heard and written communications received. Information for how to attend this meeting virtually will be published on the Commission's website as a meeting agenda a minimum of 24 hours before the meeting. Dated at Bloomfield, Connecticut this 29th day of November, 2021.

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

Alan Budkofsky, Chairman
Kevin Wilcox, Secretary
12/3/21, 12/8/21 7097047

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Commission of the Town of Old Saybrook will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 20, 2021 in the 1st floor conference room of the Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street and via teleconference to consider the following:

A. "100 Main Street Mixed Use Apartments" Application for Special Exception Permit to convert 3,200 s.f. of 2nd story retail/office space to two apartments (1,100 s.f., & 800 s.f.) with 2 storage areas (500 s.f.), Assessor's Map 37/Lot 101, Business B-1 District, Pedestrian Node. Applicant: Lonesome Grove Partners, LLC Agent: Attorney Peter Charbonnier

B. "Riverside Reflections" Application for Special Exception Permit/Coastal Site Plan Review to construct a columbarium and a 600 s.f. meeting/archives building and septic system. 59 Sheffield Street, Assessor's Map 49, Lot 1, Residence A District, CAM Zone. Applicant: Riverside Cemetery Association Agent: Attorney Edward M. Cassella

Public Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/92356062093?pwd=WEZSYVdRcm1DcmS4d2wMcGFTVtZz09>
Meeting ID: 923 5606 2093
Meeting Passcode: 302302
Teleconference Dial-In: (929) 436-2866
One Tap Mobile: tel:/9294362866,92356062093#

At this hearing interested parties may appear and be heard and written communications may be submitted in advance via email to chris.costea@oldsaybrookct.gov or regular mail. Copies of applications and plans are on file in the Land Use Department, Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street and at www.oldsaybrookct.gov/zoning-commission

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Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 70 E Main St, Stratford, CT 06614, December 21, 2021 at 11:00AM. Ashley Donald, 3060, Boxes. Caroline Young, 5050, Smaller Items. The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property. 12/8/21 & 12/15/21 7098421

Connecticut

STORAGE TREASURES AUCTION

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 163 South Road Enfield, CT. 06082 Auction Date and Time : 12/22/2021 at 1:30pm F21 - Winter Star Marie Riach - Household Items The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property. 12/8, 15/21 7100558

In accordance with the provisions of State Law, there being due and unpaid charges of which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an owner and/or manager's lien of the goods hereinafter described and stored at the Life Storage location(s) listed below. 1055 West Main Street, New Britain, CT 06053, 860-215-8838. 630 Kishalee Allen Off Furn/Mach/Equip, Mannequin 661 Charles A Featherstone Car Parts 526 AnnMarie Panapada Off Furn/Mach/Equip 210 Romeo Rodriguez Hsld gds/Furn 273 Dionne M Brown Hsld gds/Furn 301 Lorraine Medina Hsld gds/Furn, Tools/ Appliances, Camping Gear 475 Real Beaulieu Hsld gds/Furn, Tools/ Appliances, files, personal items 590 Nigel M Nelson Jr. Hsld gds/Furn, Tools/ Appliances 679 Tahlor Lytton Hsld gds/Furn 714 Michael D Olmstead Hsld gds/Furn, Tools/ Appliances 1044 Saisha Stephanie Clemente Escalera Hsld gds/Furn 1149 Natalie Garcia Hsld gds/Furn 1195 Krishna Marelis Malpica-Lugo Hsld gds/Furn And, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all parties know to claim an interest therein, and the specified in such notice for payment of such having expired, the goods will be sold to the highest bidder or otherwise disposed of at a public auction to be held online at www.storage-treasures.com, which will end on Monday, December 27, 2021 at 10:00 AM. Any question regarding the above information are to be addressed to the manager of this facility at the phone number shown above. 12/8/21 & 12/10/21 7097925

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Customer Name: Robert Hayes
Inventory: Hsld gds/furn

And, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all parties know to claim an interest therein, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such having expired, the goods will be sold to the highest bidder or otherwise disposed of at a public auction to be held online at www.StorageTreasures.com, which will end on Monday 12/27/21 at 10am. Any questions regarding the above information are to be addressed to the manager of this facility at the phone number shown above. 12/8/21, 12/10/21 7099487

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 643 Farmington Ave. New Britain, CT 06053 860-357-6161 12/15/2021 at 12:00 PM Unit 384 Jim Johnson Tires and car parts, furniture, household goods. Unit 615 Kasandra Arroyo bedroom set, kitchen table. The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property. 12/01, 12/08/21 7092480

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY
Tuesday December 14, 2021 5:30 PM.

Location: In response to concerns regarding the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), and in the interest of the safety and well-being of participants, this meeting will be held remotely by conference call.

Public Dial-In Information:
Number: 681-999-0297
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Pursuant to Section 15-31a(n) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the general public that the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on DECEMBER 14, 2021, commencing at 5:30 PM., to be held remotely via teleconference, accessible using the dial-in information above, for the purpose of evaluating the adequacy of the State's maritime policies, facilities and support for maritime commerce and industry. 12/7 - 12/14/2021 7097064

Notice of Public Informational Meeting Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA)

When: Wednesday December 15, 2021: 6:00 pm
Where: ZOOM Virtual Meeting
Topic: Presentation and Discussion Regarding the Future of MIRA's Waste-to-Energy Facility in Hartford, and MIRA's Solid Waste Application to DEEP Requesting Authority to Transfer MSW at the Facility.

The Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority has submitted an application to the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection to modify its solid waste permit-to-operate for its Waste-to-Energy Facility located in Hartford. The permit modification, if approved, would allow the transfer of municipal solid waste on a full-time basis when MIRA suspends operation of its municipal waste combustion activities, which is anticipated to occur on or about June 30, 2022.

The ZOOM Log-in Instructions for the meeting can be found on MIRA's website, here: <https://www.ctmira.org/> 12/7/12 7100691

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Notice to Contractors - Invitation to Bid DAY HILL ROAD ADAPTIVE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL SYSTEM State Project No. 164-240 WINDSOR, CT

In accordance with provisions of the Town Charter, bids will be received until 2:00 PM, on JANUARY 12, 2022, in the Finance Office, Town Hall, Windsor, Connecticut. Bids for furnishing of materials, equipment, and labor for DAY HILL ROAD ADAPTIVE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL SYSTEM will be opened and read in the Rose Room of the Town Hall immediately following the deadline.

Bids must be executed in accordance with and subject to instructions contained in the Information for Bidders. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to ensure the sealed bid or proposal is delivered prior to the deadline above.

The DAY HILL ROAD ADAPTIVE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL SYSTEM PROJECT (State Project 164-240), WINDSOR, CT involves traffic signal system optimization and installation of new adaptive signal controllers, and fiber optic communications interconnection at 11 intersections along a 3.5-mile section of Day Hill Road from State Route 75 to State Route 187. Additionally, the project entails Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramp upgrades at 2 of the 11 project intersections.

Bidders may obtain complete sets of Bidding Documents online at advancedrepro.net. (The Town, SLR, and Advanced Reprographics do not guarantee these electronic files and are not responsible for data lost or corrupted.) Go to www.advancedrepro.net, click "PLANROOM", and select "PUBLIC JOBS", where Plans and specifications will be available for viewing and purchasing.

Bidders may obtain hard copies of complete sets of Bidding Documents after 12:00 pm local time on December 8, 2021. Bidding documents will also be made available at Advanced Reprographics upon a non-refundable payment to be advised at the time of order/pick-up for EACH SET. Make check payable to Advanced Reprographics. Addenda will be issued to all Bidders who have secured Drawings and Specifications from Advanced Reprographics. Faxes or emails of Addenda will not be provided by the Engineer or Town.

Federal Express orders will only be considered if accompanied by a properly filled out Federal Express form (one form for each set ordered), charging the order to the Contractor's account.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to waive defects in same if it is deemed in the best interest of the Town of Windsor.

For further information please send questions via email to kessler@townofwindsorct.com. Pertinent questions will be answered via Addendum by close of business on January 7, 2022.

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BLOOMFIELD

Paul J. Aligata

BRISTOL

Francesco Covino
Henry M. Harbist
John R. Hartman
Joseph J. Majersky
Kelly Ann Thompson

EAST HAMPTON

Richard L. Livingston

ENFIELD

John R. Hartman
Joseph R. Johnson

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Maria Baez
Gloria R. Delaney
Azele Tardiff

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Edward H. Friedman
Patricia M. Williams

WETHERSFIELD

Antoinette DeFronzo

WINDSOR LOCKS

Azele Tardiff

OUT OF STATE

John R. Hartman
Meriden, Ct, Thomaston,
Joseph J. Majersky
Holden, MA

* Denotes name listing only.
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Aligata, Paul Jacob



We lost our beloved Paul Jacob Aligata to a tragic accident on Sunday, December 5, 2021, while working on his Austin Mini Cooper which was his pride and joy. Born in Hartford on February 15, 1982, Paul was raised in Newington and was a graduate of Newington High School, Class of 2001. After high school, Paul pursued his passion of becoming a hair stylist and continued his education at Nirvana Salon Academy in Wethersfield. He graduated on March 27, 2003 and started his career at Contours in Bloomfield. He later worked for the Hair Color Company & Spa in Farmington before realizing his dream and opening his own salon, Fringe Hair Works in West Hartford Center, 11 years ago. Paul was known for his work throughout the Greater Hartford area. He was creative, had meticulous attention to detail, and made lasting friendships with all of his clients. In his spare time, he loved gardening around his home, walking his dogs, frequenting local area restaurants and trying new foods, baking, knitting and traveling. Paul and his husband Eduardo loved to entertain and looked forward every year to hosting parties around the holidays. Paul was generous with everyone. Whether it was sharing his special Zucchini Bread or Tres Leches Cake or knitting a special scarf, hat, dish towel, or blanket, Paul did everything with love and care always thinking of others before himself. Since he was a young man, Paul loved spending summers at his family's home on Lake George and developed a passion for the water. He loved traveling anywhere that had water, sand, and place where he didn't have to worry about making his bed! True to Paul's character, his hands were never idle. He was the ultimate do it yourselfer, taking on numerous home projects and repairs. When the pandemic forced him to shutter his business, he undertook the full ground-up restoration of his 1967 Austin Mini Cooper, bringing the car back to its former glory. Even though he was not an automotive expert, Paul mastered the skills required to restore his car to award winning show quality standards. He was very proud to attend several car shows over the past summer winning many awards. Most of all, Paul will be remembered as a family man. He adored his nieces and nephews, loved hosting everyone for his favorite holiday, Halloween, and enjoyed just being home with his husband watching his favorite TV sitcoms, Will & Grace and Grace & Frankie; or gaining inspiration for new recipes while watching The Great British Bake Off. He leaves his husband, Eduardo Ortiz; his mother and stepfather, Teresa & Mark DiChiara of Newington; his father, Michael Aligata and his companion Kathy Buckley of Newington; a brother, Benjamin Aligata of New Britain; two sisters, Jenny Aligata and her significant other Jeremy DeAngelo of Newington, and Rebecca Murauskas and her husband Vidmantas of Southington; 11 nieces and nephews; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends. He will also be greatly missed by his two dogs, Rex his Labradoodle, and Java his Standard Poodle. His family will receive friends on Friday, December 10, 6-9 p.m., at the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 11, 3 p.m. at the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home. Burial will be private. In memory of Paul's love of animals, especially dogs, memorial donations may be made to American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), Attn: Linda Tiramani, 520 8th Ave., 7th Floor, NY, NY 10018 or by visiting www.asPCA.org. For online condolences please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Baez, Maria



Maria Baez, 81 of Hartford, CT beloved mother died unexpectedly on December 3, 2021. She was Born in Caguas Puerto Rico. She leaves her children Evelyn Perez, Louis Valentin, David Baez, Yolanda Baez and she is predeceased by Sandra Lugo and Javier Baez all of Hartford. Her Grand Children Jonathan, Christopher, Genesis, Trinere, Lynese, Jeffrey, Jerry, Jasmine

and 7 Great Grand Children.
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DeFronzo, Antoinette (DeAngelis)

Antoinette G. (DeAngelis) DeFronzo, 103, of Wethersfield, entered into eternal rest on December 11, 2020. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated Friday, December 10, at 10:00 a.m. at Christ the King Parish (Corpus Christi Church) 601 S.S. Deane Highway, Wethersfield. The D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, Wethersfield has been entrusted with the arrangements.



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OBITUARIES

Freedman, Helene (Angel)

Helene "Sherry" Freedman widow of Seymour Freedman, formerly of West Hartford died Sunday, December 5, 2021, at Delray Medical Center, Delray Beach Florida. Born in Brooklyn, NY, she was the daughter of the late Michael and Esther (Elkin) Angel. She was predeceased by her two brothers Jerry and Henry Angel. She was also predeceased by her brother in law Jerry Levinson and her sister in law Gloria Sack. She is survived by a son Mark Freedman, two daughters Holly Berkon and her husband Alvin of Westbrook and Amy Eisner and her husband Larry of Coventry, four grandchildren; Bethany, Eric, Emily and Ross and two greatgrandchildren Devon and Lincoln. She is also survived by Phyllis Levinson and Edward Sack. She along with her husband were founding members of Beth El Temple and Cliffside Country Club. Funeral services will be Thursday, December 9 at 11:00 am at the Emanuel Synagogue Cemetery, Wethersfield. Memorial contributions may be made to Glen Eagles Cancer Unit, C/O Lois Fogel at 7667 Victory Lane, Delray Beach, FL 33446. Sherry's memory will be a blessing to all who knew her. Weinstein Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

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Friedman, Edward H.



We began to believe he was indeed immortal. But, sadly, Edward H. Friedman once widely known as the Carpet King, succumbed to old age on December 4, 2021 at the age of 98. Ed was from West Hartford.

Eddy owned the Friedman Rug Company and later Friedman's Floor Covering Center, which he ran with his wife and son, selling carpeting to everyone in Connecticut proving, as Woody Allen once quipped, that "There are three things Jewish people worship: God, Chinese food and wall-to-wall carpeting."



Ed believed in two out of the three.

Ed, the son of Sam and May Friedman (Lappen), was born in Hartford on September 30, 1923, and lived his entire life in the Hartford area. He grew up on Seyms Street, graduated from Hartford High, and then served in the 101st Airborne division of the Army in World War II. As a paratrooper, he was one of the brave soldiers who landed in Normandy and then served in the Battle of the Bulge -- among his proudest moments. Ed wore his Screaming Eagle hat till the day he died.

Ed married his sweetheart and best friend forever Frances Swaller Friedman (aka Boobala, Franny, Fagie) after the war and the two of them moved to West Hartford and shared a life of travel, humor and nonstop fun for 74 years, never once leaving each other's sides (The Hartford Courant commemorated their relationship in "Love Story: Love at First Kiss Put this Couple on a Long Ride Together" <https://www.courant.com/love-story/hc-love-story-fran-eddy-friedman-1025-story.html>)

Eddy may have been a businessman for a living, but he was an artist at heart: He sculpted like Giacometti (and his family called him Giamcom-EDDY), loved to build and tinker and renovate rooms in the house. He enjoyed music of all types, conducting Mozart from his armchair and marching around the living room to the Marines' and Army's military bands. Until his late 80s, he regularly drove Fagie and a careful of friends to New York to see the ballet, go to theatre and visit museums -- until he no longer was able to drive long-distances. Even in his early 90s, Ed and Fran went out to lunch every day to split a sandwich (always her choice) and even trudged to the movie theatre to watch the Metropolitan opera live. And he kept his humor and sly wit -- and abundant sweetness and love -- till his final days.

Eddy leaves many survivors including his beloved and loving wife Frannie (his "bashert"), his three adoring children Mitchell (Ann), Bruce (Arline) and Karen (Harry), his nieces Donna and Leslie, and nephew Kenny (Patty and Anna, Ami and Mia), a bevy of loved cousins and many fabulous friends who were a lifeline, particularly in his final years. He is pre-deceased by his brothers Harold and Stanley and his nephew Larry. He was also blessed to have four wonderful, loving long-time caretakers Sophia, Marion, Vanessa and Dorothy -- who helped him through his final years. We also want to thank those who helped him at the end: Gail and Marzena at the VA Home-based program, Emily and Rosemarie at Beacon Hospice, and Sharmilla.

There was a graveside service with full military honors on Wednesday December 8, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. at the Hartford Mutual Society Cemetery. The family is observing a private period of mourning.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Planned Parenthood of Southern New England, at 345 Whitney Avenue New Haven, CT 06511 <https://bit.ly/3xyx8xv>; or to Hartford Hospital at <https://giving.hartfordhospital.org/donate>; or the Home Based Primary Care at the Veterans Administration (VA) at 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven CT 06516 -- or please donate to a charity of your choice.

Eddy will be loved forever and will always live in our hearts.

Funeral arrangements were conducted by the Hebrew Funeral Association, West Hartford, CT.

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Majersky, Joseph J.



Joseph John Majersky, 93, of Bristol, passed away peacefully at Ingraham Manor in Bristol on Sunday, December 5, 2021. He was born on December 9, 1927, son of the late John and Elizabeth (Kostrisak) Majersky. Joseph was the loving husband of the late Mary (Kiriluk) Majersky. Joseph served in the U.S. Navy. He was employed by B. Vetrano

Beer distributors for 43 years and was a member of Teamsters Local 1035. Joseph was a member of the Disabled American Veterans of Bristol, where he was a Commander and House Chairman who provided meals for veterans for several years. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and the St. Matthew Men's Retreat League for over 50 years. Joseph was an avid fan of the NY Yankees. Joseph is survived by his sons David Majersky of East Lyme; Michael Majersky and his wife MaryElizabeth of MA; daughter Susan Majersky and her partner Allan Czellecz of Bristol; grandchildren Thomas and Claire Gaski, Emily, Matthew and Elizabeth Majersky; several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Besides his parents and wife, Joseph is predeceased by his brothers John, Stephen and Rudolph Majersky, a granddaughter Amanda Cistulli and his girlfriend of many years Bea Caisse. Calling hours will be held on Friday, December 10, 2021, starting at 9:00am at O'Brien Funeral Home, 24 Lincoln Ave., Bristol with a procession that will leave for St. Matthew Church, 120 Church Ave., Bristol for an 11:00am Mass of Christian Burial. A burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, dav.org. To leave an online message of condolence, share a memory or a photo, please visit Joseph's tribute page at www.O'Brien-FuneralHome.com



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Harbist, Henry Mitchell

Henry Mitchell Harbist, 65, of Unionville, lost his battle with cancer on Saturday, December 4th, 2021. Born July 9th, 1956 in Brooklyn, NY, he was the son of Dimitri "Mitch" Harbist of Bristol and the late Veronica (Putko) Harbist. Prior to retiring, Henry was a skilled Tool & Die Maker at Stanley Works in New Britain. Besides his father, Henry is survived by his son, Steven M. Harbist and his wife Brittany of Dallas, TX, his sister, Jean Belden and her husband Kurt of Terryville, his two nieces, Alicia and Stacey and the mother of his son, Olivia Germano. He was predeceased by his brother, Edward Harbist. Friends may call at The Ahern Funeral Home, 111 Main St., Rt. 4, Unionville on Friday (Dec. 10) from 5:00-7:00pm. The Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated Saturday (Dec. 11) at 10:00am in the Church of St. Mary Star of the Sea, Unionville. All are kindly asked to meet directly at church. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol. memorial contributions may be made to the Church of St. Mary Star of the Sea, 16 Bidwell Square, Unionville, CT 06085. To send online condolences to the family, please visit www.ahernfuneralhome.com

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Lineberry, Sharon (Atkinson)



Sharon (Atkinson) Lineberry, 58, of Middletown, wife of Greg Lineberry, died Monday November 8, 2021 at Apple Rehab, Middletown. She was born in Middletown, daughter of Violet (Otfinoski) Atkinson of Middletown and the late Edmond "Wes" Atkinson. Sharon was a waitress, most recently at Carmella's on the Extension. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her sons, Matthew Organek of Portland, Adam Organek of Middletown and Alex Organek of Rocky Hill; brother, William Atkinson of Middletown; sisters, Diane Raffele of Portland, her twin, Susan Archibald of Columbia, Elizabeth Atkinson, and Mary Sol of Meriden. step-sons, Greg Lineberry, Jr. and Anthony Lineberry. Graveside services will be held on Saturday (Dec. 18th) at 11 a.m. at Pine Grove Cemetery, South Main St., Middletown. There are no calling hours. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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Murphy, Diane Gilbert



Diane Gilbert Murphy, 75, of Pentwater, Mich. and Essex, Conn. died unexpectedly Sunday, December 5. Mrs. Murphy was born March 2, 1946 in Chicago, the daughter of the late Dr. Robert Gilbert and Anne Heneage Gilbert. She attended local schools in Chicago, and spent her summers in Pentwater, her favorite place.

Diane attended Connecticut College and ultimately graduated from University of Connecticut with a BA in History. After completing her undergraduate degree, she worked in commercial banking at Shawmut National in Hartford, Conn. and The Washington Trust in Westerly, R.I. After several decades in banking, she discovered that her real passion was helping others, and earned a Masters in Social Work from Rhode Island College. Shortly thereafter, she opened her own clinical social work practice, and committed the later years of her career to that noble profession.

Mrs. Murphy loved pets, and took in numerous strays over the years, much to the bemusement, and sometime chagrin of Gib, her beloved husband of 32 years, who could barely keep track of the names of the animals climbing around their home. Diane also enjoyed traveling and infused that passion into her six grandchildren. She brought them on numerous vacations, including trips to California, Washington, DisneyWorld, Paris, and London.

In addition to being a voracious reader, Mrs. Murphy enjoyed playing all sorts of card games with her girlfriends. She also spent countless hours playing cribbage with Gib. Her trademark high-pitched salutations, infectious laugh, and overall vibrancy will be sorely missed. Mrs. Murphy also knew how to put people in their place; she had a legendary eyeroll, and used it extremely effectively. Perhaps what she was best known for, however, was being an incredibly caring and protective mother of her two daughters.

Diane was a kind, resilient, caring, and thoughtful mother, grandmother, wife and friend. In addition to her late husband of 32 years, she leaves her two children, Jennifer VanBelle of Greenwich, Conn. and Sarah Sykes of Foxboro, Mass. She also leaves three step-children, Josh Murphy and his wife Alma of Westbrook, Conn.; Deirdre Murphy and her husband Ernie Torres of North Kingstown, RI; and Justin "Jud" Murphy of West Hartford. "DiDi" also leaves her grandchildren, Haley, Lily, and CJ Sykes; Nicholas and Thomas VanBelle; and Dylan Murphy.

She is also survived by her siblings, Nancy Murphy and her husband Steve of Biddeford Pool, Maine; Jane Hancock of Bogota, N.J.; and Clark Gilbert of Gladwyne, Penn. Additionally, she leaves a sister-in-law, Tina Gilbert of Pentwater. She was predeceased by her brother, Bobby Gilbert, her sister, Betsy Ann Gilbert, and her brother- and sister-in-law, Austin and Patricia Murphy. Her many nieces and nephews also mourn her loss.

There will be a celebration of Mrs. Murphy's life at the Shelter Harbor Inn in Westerly RI from 12-2 on Friday, December 10th. There will also be a celebration in her honor next summer, in Pentwater as well. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Pentwater Women's Club, PO Box 1104, Pentwater, MI 49449. To share a memory of her or send a condolence to the family please visit www.rwwfh.com Arrangements are in the care of the Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home in Centerbrook, Connecticut.

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Tardiff, Azele

Azele (Boudreau) Tardiff, 94, passed away peacefully on Dec. 5, 2021. To view the complete obituary and sign the online guestbook, please visit www.edgerlyfh.com.

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OBITUARIES

Covino, Francesco "Frank"



Francesco "Frank" L. Covino of Plantsville passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday December 4, 2021. Frank was born on March 5, 1933 in Bagnoli, Italy, the son of the late Savino and Concetta (Frasca) Covino. Mr. Covino was a longtime resident of Bristol who served with the US Army, stationed in Korea during peacetime. He was a devout member of St. Anthony Church, serving as a Eucharistic Minister and advocate for the unborn. Mr. Covino retired from General Electric where he worked for over 37 years as an Electrical Technician. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years (celebrated in October), Sylvia (Verrastro) Covino; his two sons Lawrence and his wife K.C. Covino and Gregory and his wife Megan Covino; his grandchildren Jessica, Steven and his wife Lara, Alex and his wife Kacey, Michael, Ryan and Christian; his great granddaughter Gracie Ann and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his two sisters, Gina Branca and Lena Corso. Frank enjoyed family and friends and was also a passionate life-long Yankee's fan and enjoyed watching UConn Huskies basketball. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 10 AM directly at St. Francis de Sales Parish/ Church of St. Anthony, School St., Bristol followed by a procession to St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to his most passionate causes through either: <https://www.priestsforlife.org/> or to <https://www.foodforthe poor.org/> To leave an online message of condolence, share a memory or a photo, please visit Frank's tribute page at www.OBrien-FuneralHome.com



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Kennedy, Timothy P.



Timothy P. Kennedy, 52, of South Windsor, beloved husband of Bridget Mulligan Kennedy died unexpectedly on Saturday, December 4, 2021. Born in Omaha, NE, Tim grew up in Bethel, CT where he attended Immaculate High School. Tim earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Salve Regina University, at which he met his wife, Bridget. He then went on to earn his law degree at Quinnipiac University and practiced law for his entire career with dedication and perseverance. Along with his wife of over 28 years, he leaves his children, Sean, Matthew, and Daniel Kennedy; parents Paul and Barbara Kennedy; sister and brother-in-law Wendi and Marc Denise; mother-in-law Sara Mulligan; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Katie and Scott Cormier, Peter, and Kimberly Mulligan; nieces and nephews Kevin, Ryan, Eve, and Conor and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was predeceased by his grandparents and father-in-law. Tim's passions in life included cheering on his Dallas Cowboys, tinkering with cars, appreciating the value of music, and enjoying his linguine and clam sauce. Tim was known for his gift of gab and wearing his lifetime supply of Polo cologne. Amongst his routine was cleaning up the endless pots and pans left by Bridget as she baked cakes for everyone. He never did get credit for being part of all those cakes. Supporting his boys' activities took precedence, as he was a familiar sight on the sideline working the chains at youth football games. Tim valued time with family and friends, especially when shared at his cherished destinations. His upbringing emphasized the importance of family, connecting at Candlewood Lake, relishing the beauty of Newport, camping with his hometown friends, and vacationing at Hawk's Nest Beach. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2021, 10 a.m., meeting directly at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 673 Ellington Road, South Windsor. Burial will be private at the request of his family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made online through GoFundMe-Kennedy Children's Educational Fund, Samsel & Carmon Funeral home in South Windsor has care of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Maughan, Stephen



Stephen Maughan, 53, of Vernon, beloved husband of 25 years to Coleen (Plaza) Maughan, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, December 2, 2021. Born in County Sligo, Ireland, the son of the late Patrick and Ellen (Callahan) Maughan, he came to the United States in 1977 and lived in East Hartford before moving to Vernon in 1991. He was a graduate of East Hartford High School, Class of 1987. Stephen was happiest when spending time with his children and wife. He was a caregiver both in his career and with his family and friends. He found joy on the road, driving his Jeep and working out at the gym. He leaves his family with many fond memories of his sense of humor and strong personality. He was a kind and generous soul, always willing to assist. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Victoria, Mary Rose, and John Maughan; his siblings, Michael, David and his wife Teresa; Miranda, Daniel and his partner John, Lorraine and her husband Robert, Geraldine and her husband Glen; his father-in-law, Robert Plaza; his mother-in-law, Carol (Blair) Mercugliano; his brother-in-law, Matthew Plaza, and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. His family will receive friends for calling hours on Friday, December 10, 2021 from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home, 551 Talcottville Road (Route 83), Vernon, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 a.m. at St. Bernard Church, 25 St. Bernard Terrace, Vernon. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Heart of Mary Villa in the Philippines, via Wide Horizons For Children at www.whfc.org/donate. Donations made in Stephen's name will go directly to a program to teach caregivers who care for the babies. For online condolences and guest book, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Hartman, John R.



John R. Hartman, "Jack," born September 21, 1931 in Meriden, CT, passed away peacefully on December 4, 2021. He was the loving husband of Virginia (Caregnato) Hartman for 68 years. John graduated from the UConn School of Pharmacy in 1953, and was the former owner of Bristol Pharmacy. He served our country in the US Army, was a National Director of the Jaycees, President of the Bristol Jaycees, former Director of the German-American Society of Bristol, and past President of the Advocates of the Senior Center. He was also a member of the Bristol Gem and Mineral Club, Geology Club of Bristol, HS Liederkranz Society and a devoted volunteer for Meals on Wheels for many years. John was very active in his community. He had a jovial personality, and he loved people. He cared deeply for his family and friends, and cherished times of celebration with them. In retirement, he had the opportunity to travel the world with his wife, Virginia. He was strongly dedicated to his Catholic faith. He was proud of his German heritage, an avid gardener, traveler, photographer, and researcher of genealogy. John is survived by his beloved wife, Virginia, his children Jeanne (Hanley) Matty, John T. Hartman and his wife Bonnie, Mary Jo Valdez and her husband Scott, Michael Hartman, Lynne Hartman and her husband Frank Caestecker; grandchildren Emmeline Matty and her fiancé Josh Mueller, Siobhan Matty, Michael A. Hartman, Petra Hartman, Alana Valdez, Sam Valdez, Lisa Hartman and her partner Amelia Calbry-Muzyka, Thomas Hartman, Maks Caestecker, Sander Caestecker; great-granddaughter Ainsley Mueller; brother Philip Hartman, sister-in-law Marilyn Hartman and many nieces, nephews and cousins. John is predeceased by his brother James Hartman, his sister Mary Jane Ceruti, brother-in-law Richard Ceruti and sister-in-law Majorie Hartman. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, December 10, 2021 at 11:30AM directly at St. Gregory Church, 235 Maltby St. in Bristol. Interment will follow at St. Joseph's Cemetery, at 522 Terryville Avenue in Bristol. The family respectfully asks everyone who attends to wear masks while at the church and cemetery. A celebration of life will be held at a later date due to the pandemic. In lieu of flowers please send donations to 'Enfield Loaves and Fishes Inc', 23 North Main Street, Enfield, CT. 06082 or a charity of the donor's choice. To leave an online message of condolence, share a memory or a photo, please visit John's tribute page at www.OBrien-FuneralHome.com



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Livingston, Richard L.



Richard Lee "Catfish" Livingston, 65, of Haddam and formerly of East Hampton, passed away Friday Dec. 3, 2021 at his home. Born May 12, 1956 in Germany he was the son of the late Norman and Ellen (Smith) Livingston. Richard graduated from Manchester High School and had retired from Pratt & Whitney where he had worked as a jet engine mechanic for 45 years. He was a life member of the NRA, a member of the Middletown Moose Club, and enjoyed riding motorcycles, boating, camping and flying model airplanes. Catfish also enjoyed raising his pet raccoons. He is survived by his son Jason Livingston and his girlfriend Rachel McCann of East Hampton, two daughters Stacy Erlandson of Portland, Tory Reilly and companion John McKittrick of Branford, his three grandchildren Alyssa, Christopher and Cassie. He was predeceased by his brother Norman Livingston and his sister Ellen McGuinness. Friends may call at the Spencer Funeral Home 112 Main St East Hampton on Friday Dec. 10th from 5:00PM until 7:00PM. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Assoc. at www.heart.org. To leave online condolences please visit www.spencerfuneral-homeinc.com.

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Oehler, Harold



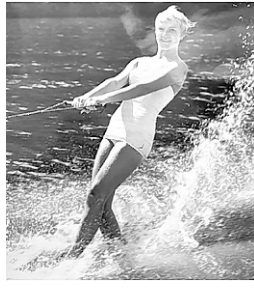
Harold Oehler, 104, passed away at his home in Stafford, CT on Saturday, December 4, 2021; he was born in Holyoke, MA in 1917. Living in South Hadley, MA with parents William and Flora Oehler and at the age of 18, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps working in Burlington, VT, and Great Barrington, MA. He attended and graduated from The University of Massachusetts Stockbridge and majored in Forestry Management. Harold served in the United States Army from 1941 - 1944 and served in the South Pacific during World War II. He had a distinguished career and as a lieutenant; he was awarded a Soldier's Medal for heroism in November of 1944 for saving the life of a fellow serviceman while on Army duty at Cape Gloucester, New Britain. Later on he attained the rank of Captain. He was a longtime member of The Stafford American Legion Post 26 and was awarded a Certificate of Continuous Membership for 50 years on March 15, 2016 as an outstanding contributor to the programs of the Legion. For many years, he was an avid hunter, fisherman and golfer and was League Champion of the Stafford Moulton Brothers League in 2000. Harold bought Matteson Lumber Company in Stafford Springs, CT in 1965 and worked there with his wife Gladys for twenty-five years. In 1997, Harold and Gladys had celebrated 56 years of marriage; she passed away in November of 1997. He is survived by his three children, Susan Aline Oehler of Maple Grove, MN, Laurelee Lynn Oehler of West Hartford, VT and Harold Michael Oehler and daughter-in-law Stephanie Summers of Willington, CT; three grandchildren, Nathan Oehler of Willington, CT, Michelle Brassington of Watertown, MN and Michael Braun of Minneapolis, MN; three great grandchildren, Lydia Brassington, Keagan Brassington and Reid Brassington all of Watertown, MN; and his brother, William Oehler of South Hadley, MA. He was predeceased by his eldest son, William F. Oehler of Las Vegas, NV in 2009. Those who wish may make memorial donations to Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of Stafford, P.O. Box 25, Stafford Springs, CT 06076. Harold recently celebrated his 104th birthday on October 16, 2021 with family and friends and will be sorely missed by all. He was a devoted and loving family man and a true friend to everyone he met. Due to Covid concerns, both funeral services at Introvigne Funeral Home in Stafford Springs, CT, and a Celebration of Life gathering, will be held at a future date for family and friends and will be announced. To leave a condolence online for the family, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com



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Delaney, Gloria Rae (Larsen)



Gloria Rae (Larsen) Delaney died peacefully on December 5, 2021, after spending her final days with her two children, Tisa (Delaney) Pearce and Peter Delaney. She was born in Portland, Oregon on January 24, 1942, the youngest of three daughters to Ray and Verna Larsen. Gloria was preceded in death by her sister Sarah Fahey and is survived by her eldest sister, Elgie Zeni. She is also preceded in death by her ex-husband, Dennis Delaney, her high school sweetheart whom she later married.

Gloria was a graduate of Lake Oswego High School and a true disciple of the lake. In the 1960's Gloria parlayed her athleticism and magnanimous personality into a professional role as a member of the Cypress Gardens' water ski team in Winter Haven, Florida. The May 21, 1962 Sports Illustrated issue showcased the water skiers of Cypress Gardens and a full-page picture of Gloria adorned the opening page of the article, entitled "Skier's Shiny Trail". A fitting title for how she lived her life.

With numerous relocations and residences, Gloria always created a home and safe place for her children to land. When her children were out of school, she switched gears from a housewife/mother to a burgeoning entrepreneur.

Gloria's career led her around the globe helping others with the opportunity to succeed. She poured her heart and soul into her company, Dwelling, which imported handmade products from artisans in Haiti and Kenya. The products she sold provided the artisans with an economic foundation and resources that helped them to improve the quality of their lives, their villages, and their communities. She was especially proud that her work contributed to increasing literacy and providing healthcare programs for the women artisans in Kenya.

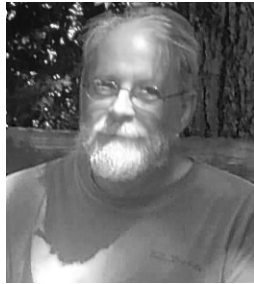
A beacon of light and positivity, Gloria left every room she entered a better place than it was prior to her arrival. Always leaving tangible evidence of the omnipresent "Shiny Trail", none is more evident than in her five grandchildren, Madeline and Jackson Pearce, Emmy, Lilla, and Kelly Delaney. She survived by her son-in-law, Ed Pearce, numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and life-long friends. Her love for them, travel and chocolate were unparalleled.

The family would like to give special thanks to the Hebrew Center in West Hartford, CT (her final resting place), especially the staff on Four South, as well as Bobby and Caroline Butler. The love and kindness that they provided will never be forgotten.

A celebration of Gloria's life will be held in May of 2022 in her hometown of Lake Oswego, Oregon. The exact time and location will be provided at a later date.

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Rajotte, Paul Thomas



Paul Thomas Rajotte, 71, of Plainville passed away after a brief illness on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain. He is now reunited with his loving wife of 48 years, Kristina Lynn (Giramondi) Rajotte, who predeceased him on October 18, 2021. Paul was born on August 24, 1950 in Bristol, CT son to the late Bruno and Lucille (Duperré) Rajotte. He worked at GE in Plainville as a Design Engineer for 35 years. Most recently, he worked part-time at Lowe's in Plainville up until his wife's health declined and he became her full-time care taker over the past year. He spent summers at "The Lake" growing up, the family cottage on Bashan Lake in East Haddam. He made his family home in Plainville and spent many winters alongside his wife in Las Vegas, where they relished in one another's company. Paul was a car enthusiast, who especially loved his Corvettes he had over the years. Full of life and lover of the outdoors, he enjoyed taking trips to visit his son, Parker, in Montana, where he would raft the middle fork of the Flathead River and happily tell his stories upon his return. More locally, he enjoyed fly fishing the Farmington River or taking walks to view all that nature had to offer. Paul was an avid dog lover, whether it was his own or his children's dogs, they were all equally spoiled and loved. In his downtime, he relaxed with a good book to read. A man of character, his family was the center of his life and he cherished the time surrounded by his loved ones, including the nightly board games with his granddaughter, Piper. Paul will be missed dearly as his family takes comfort in knowing that he is now reunited with his soulmate and wife. Paul is survived by his son, Parker Rajotte; his daughter, Sarah Krystock and her husband, Steve; his grandchildren, Mason, Hunter, and Piper Krystock; his brother, David Rajotte and his wife, Darcie; his sister, Denise Larson and her husband, James; his sister-in-law, Judi Gryzwinski and her husband, John; and his nieces and nephews, Michael, Gary, Candace, Christa, Samantha, Matthew, Peter, and Joan. Family and friends are welcome to gather on Friday, December 10 from 5 to 7 PM at the Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. A service in celebration of Paul's life will be held at 7 PM at the funeral home. For those unable to attend, there will be a live-stream available to watch the service. In memory of Paul and his love for animals, donations can be made to the CT Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd, Newington, CT 06111. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com.

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Staron, Jr., Michael Martin



Michael Martin Staron Jr. 82 of Rocky Hill, CT. Loving husband of 39 years to the late Victoria T. Staron, passed away peacefully on Sunday December 5, 2021 at Hartford Hospital. Born in Harford, CT on February 1, 1939, son of the late Michael and Rose Staron. A Service will be held on Thursday, December 9th at 12 noon at the Giuliano-Sagarino Funeral Home at BROOKAWN, 511 Brook St. Rocky Hill. Interment will follow in Center Cemetery, Rocky Hill. Family and friends are invited to the funeral home from 11am-12pm. For full obituary and online guestbook please visit www.brook-lawnfuneralhome.com.

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Smith, Roberta



Roberta K. Smith, only child of Leroy Irving Smith and Esther Barrows Smith, life-long resident of Mansfield’s Spring Hill Historic District, died after a short illness on Nov. 7, 2021 in the 101st year of her age. She was delivered by her great uncle on Valentine’s Day in 1921 in Windham’s Clark Hospital, which is now the Holy Family Shelter on the corner of Jackson and Valley Streets, and then went home to Spring Hill for essentially the rest of her long and accomplished life. Her years at Simmons College in Boston, where she received her B.A. in Library Science, and two years afterwards working in the Elmwood Public Library in Providence during World War II, were the only years she lived away from her family home. In 1945 she moved back to Mansfield upon her father’s death and continued her career at UConn’s Wilbur Cross Library, where she ultimately became the highly respected Head of the Reference Department until her early retirement in 1972.

Her 27 years at the Wilbur Cross Library turned out to be only a blip in her life as a consummate researcher and story teller. Roberta loved Mansfield deeply, especially Spring Hill, and authored several articles and books about Mansfield’s history and its historical figures of note (The Constant Years: The Life of Constant Southworth, 1990, and Mansfield’s First Citizen Speaker: The Honorable Shubael Conant, Esq., 2013).

All who knew her will remember Roberta for her often expressed love of home amidst Mansfield’s natural beauty. In her 1983 book, Listen to the Echoes, a history of the Spring Hill area, she recalls a joyful childhood memory: “Throughout my childhood a favorite pastime was standing on the rocky ledges of ‘Fifty-Foot’ [as the ledges of Spring Hill were once called] with playmates, calling out various names and phrases, then remaining absolutely quiet to ‘listen to the echoes.’”

Roberta’s love of home eventually evolved into love of house. In her 2015 book, “Secrets of My Old Spring Hill House”, Roberta recalls how she became interested in the history of several antique houses in Mansfield in addition to her own. Always the devoted researcher, she spent endless hours exploring the Mansfield and State archives and contributed to the Mansfield Historical Society’s 2001 publication, “Historic Mansfield Center”, a description of several historic buildings in that section of town. A personal remembrance by Roberta’s second cousin (in-law) tells us as much about Roberta’s skill as a researcher as about her generosity, creativity, originality, and thoughtfulness, for which she was well-known: “In December of 1981 Roberta presented us with a history of all of the many transactions in the town land records involving our home since 1778. Six typed pages listing the purchases and mortgage activity containing many familiar Mansfield names - Fenton, Atwood, Chaffee, Macfarlane, Crane for example. But the first purchaser’s name listed was of the most interest because she recognized it as a family name. She went to Hartford (I don’t know where) and discovered that he was my husband’s five great grandfather’s brother - meaning after eight generations (203 years) it was purchased by a descendant of the original owner. We were all amazed by the results of her many hours of research! She also included a listing of the names of the ancestors, and a historic plaque for the front of the house. It was a wonderful wedding present, housewarming gift, and the loving tribute from her that we will always treasure.”

In addition to her publications, Roberta was known for her lectures on practically any aspect of life in historic Mansfield. Many friends and various groups had the privilege of touring the Olde Mansfield Center Cemetery with Roberta as an authoritative guide to the symbolism and craftsmanship of 18th century headstones, as well as to the history of the local luminaries below.

Roberta was a charter member of the Mansfield Historical Society when it was established in 1957 and remained resolutely dedicated to its mission until her recent illness. She served as president of the Society in the late 1970s and during her term successfully negotiated with the Town to gain use of the old town office building for the Society’s museum, which was a major turning point for the Society. In 1991 Roberta was officially appointed as the first Town Historian by the Mansfield Town Council, a position she held until her death.

Accolades are too many to list. Most precious to Roberta were the many letters of gratitude she received from UConn students and faculty who relied on Roberta’s research skills to complete their work. Awards of recognition for public service were recurrent in Roberta’s files spreading over decades. She was a founding member of the Joshua’s Tract Conservation and Historic Trust. Also dear to Roberta was her membership in the United Church of Christ, Congregational, in Mansfield Center, founded in 1710 by ten early Mansfield settlers, one of whom was Roberta’s maternal ancestor, thus confirming her self-proclaimed status as “authentic Connecticut Yankee”.

Contributions in the memory of Leroy Irving Smith, Esther Barrows Smith, and Roberta K. Smith can be made to the Connecticut Historical Society Library Research Center Improvement Fund, 1 Elizabeth St., Hartford CT, 06105.

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Williams , Patricia Mae



Patricia Mae Williams, 73 of West Hartford, Ct passed away on January 13, 2021 and at that time we were not able to gather "in person" to celebrate her life. Join us on December 8th, 2021 at 6pm for "A Birthday Gone Home Celebration" to be held at The First Cathedral, 1151 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Patricia Williams believed in people and community and the value and strength therein; regardless of status or stature. Come join us in celebration. In lieu of flowers please consider contributing to the Patricia Williams Scholarship Fund. Checks should be made out to Upper Albany Neighborhood Collaborative (UANC), 1229 Albany Avenue, Hartford, CT 06112.

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Ragaini, Ottavio D.



Ottavio D. “Poppie” Ragaini, age 96 of Seymour, entered into peaceful rest on December 1, 2021; he was the beloved husband of the late Marion G. (Hatstat) Ragaini. He was born December 4, 1924 in Ansonia, son of the late John G. and Adeline (Letizi) Ragaini. He was retired from the Farrel Corporation, Ansonia after 39 years, and also from Bioserve of Prospect where he worked for 25 years. Ottavio was a communicant of St. Augustine Church. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps following WW II. He was an avid woodworker and musician having played in a Country-Western Band. Ottavio enjoyed golf, bowling, and gardening; he was a fan of the NY Yankees and UCONN Basketball. Ottavio leaves his loving family including his sons, Ronald L. Ragaini (Judith) of Meriden, and Richard A. Ragaini of Prospect; a brother, Pasquale “Patsy” Ragaini of Seymour, and a sister, Evelyn “Bibby” Dorosh of Beacon Falls; also 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. His son, Michael D. Ragaini, and brothers, Segelfredo and August, and sisters Viola, Annie, Zina, Mafalda, and Mary predeceased him. Calling Hours are Monday Dec. 6th, from 4 to 8 PM at the Ralph E. Hull Funeral Home, 161 W. Church St., Seymour. The funeral will be Tuesday Dec. 7th at 9:30 AM from the funeral home, to St. Nicholas Parish-St. Augustine Church 35 Washington Ave. at 10:30 AM. Interment with full Military Honors will follow at Mt. St. Peter Cemetery, Derby. Please share a memory at www.hullfh.com

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UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

How serious is Bueckers' injury?

Medical analysis: What is a tibial plateau fracture, what does recovery look like and what are the long-term implications?

By **Alexa Philippou**
Hartford Courant

The college basketball world received disappointing news Tuesday, when it was announced that UConn women's basketball star guard and reigning national player of the year Paige Bueckers will miss six to eight weeks of the season after suffering a tibial plateau fracture in her left knee at the end of UConn's win Sunday over Notre Dame.

While there was widespread relief that the injury wasn't more serious, several questions remained: What is a tibial plateau fracture in the first place? How serious is that type of injury,

and does Bueckers need to be concerned about any long-term issues concerning her knee?

To answer those questions and more, The Courant spoke to Dr. Michael Miranda, Chief of Orthopedic Trauma at Hartford Hospital, and Jeff Stotts, an injury analyst and certified athletic trainer who has an extensive background covering sports injuries and has his own NBA injury database.

What is a tibial plateau fracture?

In layman's terms, Stotts describes a tibial plateau fracture as the result of "bones kind of knock[ing] together," which occurred in this case from Bueckers hyperextending her knee.

The plateau refers to the top of the bone, in this case the tibia (a.k.a. the shin bone).

The bone is spongy around the knee joint, Miranda says, allowing the thigh bone and knee bones to typically glide smoothly over each other. But when Bueckers hyperextended her knee, it became a situation of "two really hard objects hitting, and the spongy nature of the bone allows it to get pinched, very much like you're pinching the rim of a Styrofoam cup, and it stays pinched. That's what happens with the bone there. ... It's really sort of a gentle crush of the spongy part."

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UConn's Paige Bueckers is helped off the court by Amari DeBerry, left, after an injury in the second half against Notre Dame on Sunday in Storrs. JESSICA HILL/AP

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Windsor ready for Maloney in all-CCC battle for Class L title

By **Lori Riley**
Hartford Courant

Windsor and Maloney will play an all-CCC football final in the Class L state championship game Saturday at 11 a.m. at Veterans Stadium in New Britain.

The two teams did not play each other this season but have in the past during the regular season.

"It's good for the conference to have an all-CCC final," Windsor coach Rob Fleeting said.

Windsor, the fifth seed at 11-1, had a comeback win over St. Joseph in Trumbull Sunday, rallying from an 18-point halftime deficit to win 35-31 in the semifinal game.

Third-seeded Maloney (11-1) handled Maske easily in its semifinal, 56-21. The Spartans have won the most games in program history and though the offense has put up big numbers, the defense has been stellar throughout.

"Defense wins championships, that's the old saying," Maloney coach Kevin Frederick said. "When you look at our defense, you look at guys who love to get after it, love to be physical. I think that's the key."

"You're going up against a Windsor team with good athletes who play well in space and do some really good things. We have to get after it and be physical and get to the football and that's something we've been doing all year long. I'm expecting a big performance from the defense. We've dominated games during the year, we've relied heavy on the [defense] when the offense wasn't clicking early on. We're excited to showcase our defense on Saturday."

Rockville bringing the ram power

The Rockville football team, which will play top-seeded Killingly Saturday at 3 p.m. in the Class M championship game at Veterans Stadium in New Britain, has tried to bring back some old traditions to regain some pride in the program.

Rockville has a vocational-agriculture program at the school and has sheep as part of the program, including three rams. The Rams

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UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL



UConn's Akok Akok and head coach Dan Hurley talk during a game Saturday in Storrs. JESSICA HILL/AP

Familiarity, hostility

Huskies face tough road test against former Big East foe West Virginia

By **Shreyas Laddha**
Hartford Courant

Two former Big East conference foes face off when No. 15 UConn (8-1) takes on West Virginia (7-1) on Wednesday night at West Virginia Coliseum in a Big East-Big 12 Battle game.

For the UConn men's basketball team, this is its first test against a

quality opponent without two of its shooting leaders, Tyrese Martin and Adama Sanogo, who are out multiple weeks with injuries.

For UConn coach Dan Hurley, this is a great time to see how his team plays in an antagonistic environment down its key players.

"We haven't played a true road game, since like March that was Tulane before COVID," Hurley said.

"I can't remember the last time we played in a hostile environment. ... I'll let them know the musket, they shoot the musket at halftime and people will be screaming at them. It will be intense, but there is nothing better than what we're about to experience."

Here's everything you need to know about the matchup.

The basics

No. 15 UConn vs. West Virginia

Time: 7 p.m. ET, Wednesday

Place: West Virginia Coliseum

Series: 16-6

Last meeting: West Virginia won, 78-67, on Nov. 24, 2014, in the Puerto Rico Tip-Off tournament

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PATRIOTS

Belichick teases new plan for Bills 2nd time around

By **Karen Guregian**
Boston Herald

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Given the success they enjoyed with the run game Monday night, will they once again ground and pound the Bills into submission?

During his appearance on WEEI's "The Greg Hill Show" Bill Belichick hinted there could be something else in store for the next duel.

Asked if there was anything he could use from his team's 14-10 win

in wind-swept conditions Monday night for the next meeting, Belichick teased he might have a new wrinkle up his sleeve for Round 2.

"We can use our whole passing game," Belichick said, chuckling at the thought. "All the pass plays that we have, they haven't seen. We can use all of them the next time we play them."

Given the Patriots rushed the ball more than 40 times, with quarterback Mac Jones attempting just three passes in the game, Belichick found some humor in the break-

down. So essentially, the Patriots revealed nothing in terms of a passing game for next time.

The overwhelming success of the run game in victory, however, with the Patriots pounding the rock to the tune of 222 rushing yards against the Bills, suggests they might keep doing it until Buffalo can stop them.

Belichick, of course, didn't want to tip his hand. He said with completely different conditions likely, it's hard to just dial up the same game plan against the same team.

"Any time you play a team twice in three weeks, you just have to be careful and realize that while it's the same two teams, it's not the same game," said Belichick. "They'll be players that'll play in the next game that didn't play in this one. And probably vice versa. The game will take a different course. The conditions may be a lot different, too, so that may have something to do with it."

"We're starting all over at that point ... we just can't assume things will go as they did last night. It'll be a completely different game."

Safety Tip of the Day

If you do hit black ice while driving, try to remain calm and avoid overreacting. The general rule is to do as little as possible and allow the car to pass over the ice. Do not hit the brakes, and try to keep the steering wheel straight.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Thursday: UConn at Georgia Tech, 7 p.m., ESPN2




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WEDNESDAY



Mostly cloudy, chance for some afternoon and evening snow and rain showers. Northeast wind at 5 to 10 mph.

HIGH 39°
LOW 26°




THURSDAY



Partly sunny, breezy and chilly.

HIGH 38°
LOW 26°




FRIDAY



Mostly cloudy and seasonable, chance for a shower. Showers around at night.

HIGH 44°
LOW 35°




SATURDAY



Mostly cloudy, becoming very breezy and mild with showers around.

HIGH 60°
LOW 41°

SUNDAY







Chance for early showers, gradual clearing and windy.

HIGH 45°
LOW 30°

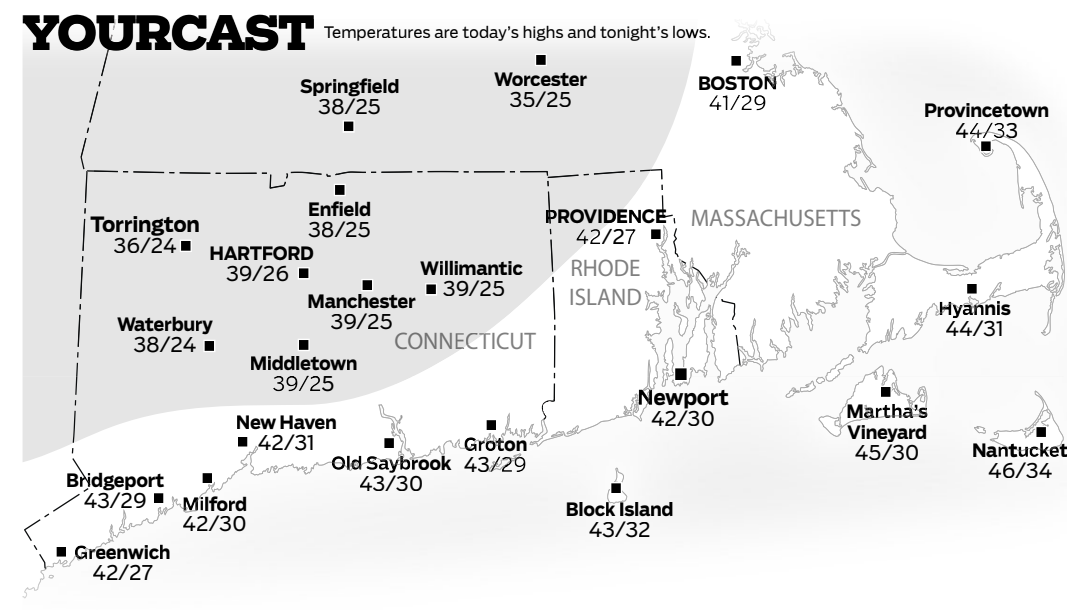
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YOURCAST Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



Location	High/Low
Springfield	38/25
Worcester	35/25
Boston	41/29
Provincetown	44/33
Torrington	36/24
Hartford	39/26
Enfield	38/25
Willimantic	39/25
Manchester	39/25
Waterbury	38/24
Middletown	39/25
New Haven	42/31
Old Saybrook	43/30
Groton	43/29
Newport	42/30
Martha's Vineyard	45/30
Nantucket	46/34
Bridgeport	43/29
Milford	42/30
Greenwich	42/27
Block Island	43/32

OUTLOOK

A storm system will be passing to the south and east of the region Wednesday afternoon and evening causing cloudy skies along with some snow and rain showers. Temperatures should be mild enough for nothing more than a coating, but the northeastern hills could perhaps receive up to an inch on grassy surfaces. High pressure will bring partly sunny skies and chilly temperatures Thursday. The next system to affect the state will be a warm front Friday night and then a cold front late Saturday that will both produce some rain showers and bring mild temperatures during Saturday.

-Gary Lessor

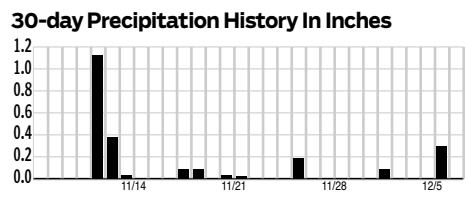
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Precipitation In Inches
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.) 0.13 0.14
Month to date 0.39 0.98
Total this year 52.38 43.95

Snowfall In Inches
Yesterday (by 4 p.m.) 0.0 0.3
Total this year Trace 3.8

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Date	Precipitation (inches)
11/14	1.2
11/21	0.1
11/28	0.2
12/5	0.3

Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	a.m. 12:24 p.m.	6:23 a.m. 7:13 p.m.	48°
Saybrook Jetty	1:09 a.m. 1:35 p.m.	7:16 a.m. 8:06 p.m.	48°
Connecticut River at Portland	3:52 a.m. 4:18 p.m.	11:02 a.m. 11:52 p.m.	48°
Madison	1:33 a.m. 1:52 p.m.	7:35 a.m. 8:16 p.m.	47°
New Haven	1:53 a.m. 2:12 p.m.	7:59 a.m. 8:40 p.m.	49°
Stamford	1:57 a.m. 2:16 p.m.	8:13 a.m. 8:54 p.m.	

Air Quality Forecast For Today

Good 50 Low 23°

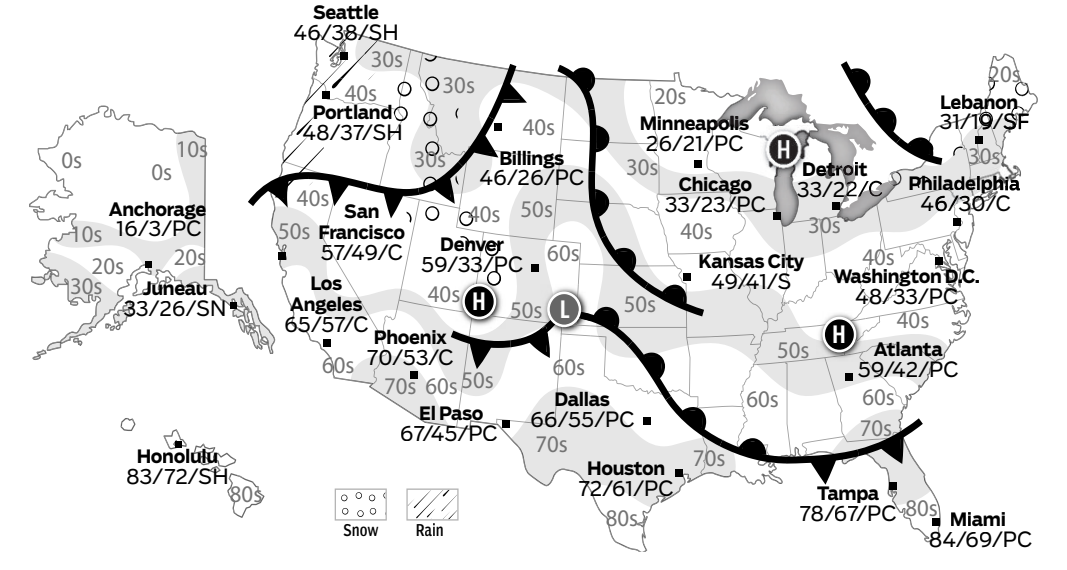
Air Quality Today Ultraviolet Index Today Wind Chill Today

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	7:05 a.m.	7:06 a.m.
Sunset	4:20 p.m.	4:20 p.m.
Moonrise	11:24 a.m.	11:57 a.m.
Moonset	9:14 p.m.	10:26 p.m.

River Stage at Hartford: 3.94 feet at 6:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Cloudy	Shower	Shower	Shower
Wind	NE, 5-10	E, 5-10	E, 5-10
Seas	1 ft.	1 ft.	2-3 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Tuesday	43 at 1:29 p.m.	33 at 7:13 a.m.
Normal for date	43	27
Record for date	76 in 1998	-1 in 1964
A year ago	39	26
Range this year	99	1



City	High/Low
Seattle	46/38/SH
Portland	48/37/SH
San Francisco	57/49/C
Los Angeles	65/57/C
Phoenix	70/53/C
El Paso	67/45/PC
Dallas	66/55/PC
Houston	72/61/PC
Tampa	78/67/PC
Miami	84/69/PC
Washington D.C.	48/33/PC
Philadelphia	46/30/C
Detroit	33/22/C
Chicago	33/23/PC
Minneapolis	26/21/PC
Billings	46/26/PC
Denver	59/33/PC
San Jose	40/30
San Diego	60/50
San Antonio	79/60
San Jose	40/30
San Francisco	57/49/C
Los Angeles	65/57/C
Phoenix	70/53/C
El Paso	67/45/PC
Dallas	66/55/PC
Houston	72/61/PC
Tampa	78/67/PC
Miami	84/69/PC

AROUND THE WORLD Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

City	High/Low
Bangor	25 16 C
Burlington	29 21 SF
Caribou	19 8 PC
Concord	32 21 SF
Montpelier	25 18 SN
Mt. Wash.	10 3 SN
Portland	33 22 SF
Woods Hole	42 31 C
Albany	36 25 SN
Albuquerque	56 35 PC
Atlantic City	43 25 C
Baltimore	45 27 PC
Bismarck	34 20 PC
Boise	49 26 C
Buffalo	33 23 SF
Charleston	63 41 SH
Cincinnati	41 25 PC
Cleveland	35 22 C
Indianapolis	40 24 PC
Jacksonville	78 54 C
Las Vegas	68 51 PC
Miami Beach	83 71 PC
Milwaukee	30 23 PC
Nashville	53 32 PC
New Orleans	67 58 C
New York	42 30 C
Okla. City	61 45 S
Omaha	44 32 S
Orlando	81 63 PC
Pittsburgh	37 23 C
Raleigh	49 32 SH
St. Louis	49 39 S
Salt Lake City	53 37 PC
San Antonio	79 60 S
San Diego	66 58 C
San Juan	86 75 PC
Tucson	72 47 PC
Budapest	37 28 PC
Buenos Aires	82 68 PC
Cairo	66 52 PC
Cancun	83 73 PC
Dubai	82 63 S
Dublin	41 36 SH
Edinburgh	42 36 SH
Helsinki	16 15 PC
Hong Kong	72 64 PC
Istanbul	55 48 SH
Jerusalem	55 46 PC
Johannesburg	73 61 T
Kingston	88 75 S
Lisbon	57 50 PC
London	45 41 C
Madrid	54 41 SH
Mexico City	76 52 S
Milan	36 19 R
Montreal	21 16 SF
Moscow	21 12 SN
Nassau	84 70 PC
New Delhi	75 52 PC
Paris	45 37 C
Prague	32 27 C
Rio de Janeiro	77 64 T
Rome	55 36 R
Seoul	55 36 S
Singapore	91 75 SH
Stockholm	30 25 SF
Sydney	72 63 SH
Tel Aviv	65 57 SH
Tokyo	48 46 R
Toronto	32 23 SF
Vancouver	45 34 SH
Warsaw	25 21 S

ON AIR BASKETBALL
7 p.m.: College: Big East-Big 12 Battle: UConn at West Virginia. (Live), ESPN2
7 p.m.: Knicks at Pacers. (Live), MSG
8 p.m.: Nets at Rockets. (Live), YES
10:30 p.m.: Celtics at Clippers. (Live), NBCSB
HOCKEY
7 p.m.: Avalanche at Rangers. (Live), NHL, MSG2
9 p.m.: Bruins at Canucks. (Live), NESN

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used to have a live mascot at the games and returned to that tradition this year. James the Ram will be in New Britain Saturday.

Value of tradition

Cromwell/Portland coach Randell Bennett, who played on the first Cromwell team, has learned the value of tradition, and his dream is to build it in his program.

"When I was a sophomore, we were in the gym and Sal Morello, the legend, he stood in there and he told us we were going to have football here," Bennett said. "Now, as a 35-year-old, I look back on moments like that, and it really changed my life. I got to play at Grambling. If Cromwell doesn't get football back then, where would I be right now? We want those same opportunities for our guys. This game can take you far."

Cromwell won the Class S championship in 2008, beating Ansonia in the final. To make it this time, Cromwell, having beaten Ansonia last Sunday,

will have to knock off another school with a ton of tradition, Bloomfield, in the Class S final on Saturday at 11 a.m. in Trumbull.

Freeney time at Bloomfield?

Bloomfield often hears from its most famous football alum, Dwight Freeney, a long-time NFL star who won Super Bowl XLI with the Indianapolis Colts before retiring in 2017.

A likely Hall-of-Famer, Freeney bought rings for his alma mater when the Warhawks won the 2015 Class S title. On Tuesday, coach Ty Outlaw spoke to reporters in front of a trophy case with two gold footballs sent by Freeney. With Bloomfield going for another title, will the Warhawks hear from their illustrious alum again?

"Not yet, but it's about that time," Outlaw said. "He's been a great supporter for the Bloomfield Warhawks. He's a special guy in our program and I'm sure we'll be getting a call soon."

The Courant's Dom Amore contributed to this report.

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TV: ESPN2
Live Stream: ESPN+ app
Radio: UConn Sports Network (Mike Crispino, Wayne Norman). Sirius-136. SXM-app-964. 979-ESPN Hartford. WILI-1400-AM (Willimantic). WATR-1320-AM (Waterbury). WAVZ-1300-AM (New Haven). WGCH-1490-AM (Greenwich).

West Virginia (7-1) probable starters, sixth man
Jalen Bridges, F, 6-7, So.; Isaiah Cottrell, F, 6-10, R-Fr.; Taz Sherman, G, 6-4, So.; Kobe Johnson, G, 6-3, Fr.; Kedrian Johnson, G, 6-3, So.; Sean McNeil, G, 6-3, Sr.

No. 15 UConn (8-1) probable starters, sixth man
R.J. Cole, G, 6-1, GS; Isaiah

Whaley, F, 6-9, GS; Jordan Hawkins, G, 6-5, Fr.; Akok Akok, F, 6-9, R-Jr.; Andre Jackson, G/F, 6-6, So.; Jalen Gaffney, G, 6-3, Jr.

The matchup
UConn's offense: With Martin and Sanogo out, UConn needs to balance the load offensively to win between Cole, Hawkins, Akok and Tyler Polley.
UConn's defense: The group bounced back against Grambling State and will need to keep the momentum going and protect the paint against this West Virginia offense that does not shoot a lot of 3s.
West Virginia offense: Sherman is the player to watch He averages 21 points per game. In his last game against Radford, he shot 9-for-17 for 27 points.
West Virginia defense: UConn needs to take 3s

when it gets the chance, as West Virginia is holding opponents to attempting only 6.9 3-pointers a game.
UConn's key: Balance the scoring load and slow down Sherman on the defensive end.
Player to watch: Akok. UConn needs him to play like he did on Saturday against Grambling State to win.
About West Virginia's coach: Bob Huggins has coached basketball for 40 years. After beginning his career in 1984 at Akron, he has moved up to No. 4 on the all-time wins list with 907. He is chasing UConn coaching legend Jim Calhoun, who has 920 wins and occupies the third spot.
West Virginia mascot: The mascot is a mountaineer that was officially chosen in 1934.
Famous alumni: NBA Hall of Famer Jerry West.

Bueckers
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How common is this injury?
Tibial plateau fractures can occur as part of more traumatic knee injuries — say one where an ACL is also damaged. In that case, the fracture may be viewed as secondary to the more serious ligament damage. It is a relatively uncommon basketball injury to happen in

isolation, though stars Kobe Bryant, Yao Ming and Lindsey Whalen, as well as football player J.J. Watt, are among famous athletes who have dealt with them. Miranda says it's more common to see the injury with skiers or among people who have suffered motor vehicle accidents or falls from great height.

How did it happen?
Stotts thought the Buec-

kers' injury occurred from "just kind of a weird step."
"If you think about it, literally hundreds of thousands of moves that she's made during the course of her season, this is just one move where things didn't go perfectly," Miranda added.

Does a 6-8 week recovery time frame make sense?
The average recovery time for NBA players who

suffered a tibial plateau fracture, according to Stotts' database, was closer to 10 weeks. In part, a player's size may determine the severity of the break, as the bigger the player, the more force they put through their knees. Bueckers is obviously smaller than, say, Ming.

What does recovery look like?
For non-athletes, rest is

the most important ingredient to recovery. But for Bueckers, that won't be as much the case, Miranda said.

"She's going to start rehabbing this thing as soon as she possibly can, which means that they're going to first focus on decreasing the swelling, decreasing the inflammation, regaining her motion, all at the same time trying to keep her muscles strong," Miranda said. "And

then the last part of that is also agility and balance. ... It's gonna be a lot of hard work."

Are there any long-term implications?
Miranda says there's a "small but not zero" chance she develops arthritis in her knee later on. Otherwise, she should probably be OK.

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